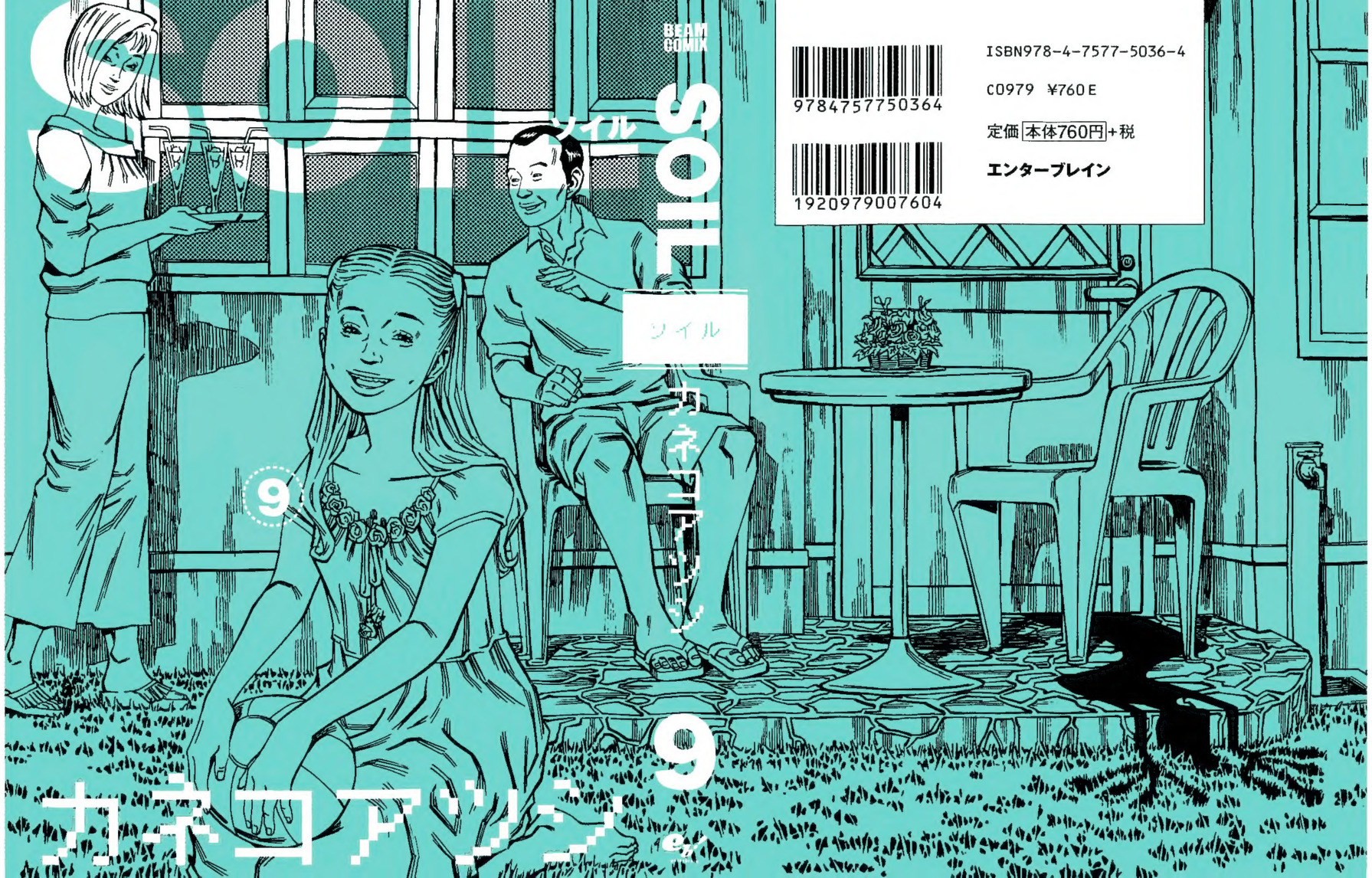

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Cast of Characters

Onoda ····· Kamikawa police station detective.
Currently part of the Community Safety Department.

Yokoi ····· Former sergeant of same police station and Onoda's superior.
Dismissed and taken into custody but now on the run.

Tamura ····· Detective of same police station.
Currently part of the Investigation Department.

Katakuri ····· Soil New Town police officer.

Ichinose ····· Katakuri's co-worker. **DISAPPEARED.**

Suzushiro Masaki ····· Head of a family living in Soil New Town. **DISAPPEARED.**

Suzushiro Noriko ····· Wife of above. **DISAPPEARED.**

Suzushiro Mizuki ····· Their lone daughter.
Soil Middle School 2nd year student. **DISAPPEARED.**

Miyahara Kento ····· Teenager living with single mother. Soil Middle School 2nd year student.
Currently on the run after the police raid
on the Town Council President's home.

Kataoka Misa ····· Victim of gangrape. Soil Middle School 2nd year student.
Currently accompanying Kento.

Sanada ····· Soil Middle School 2nd year student. One of the boys
who barricaded themselves inside the Town Council President's home.

Tomiyama ····· Soil Middle School 2nd year student.

Seki ····· Soil Middle School 2nd year student.

Tokita ····· Soil Middle School substitute science teacher.

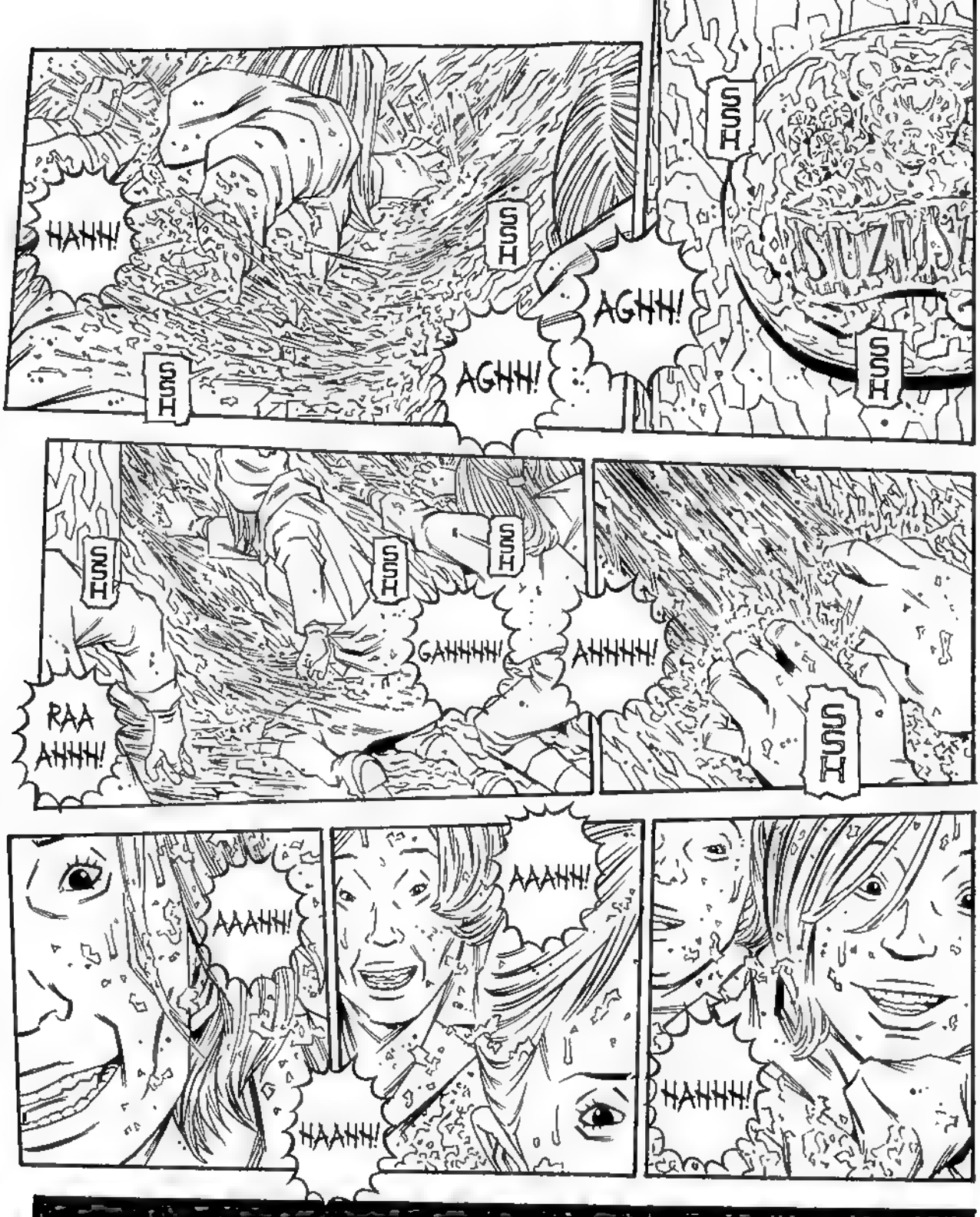
Kosaka ····· Soil Middle School counselor.

"Sacchin" ····· Daughter of Kosaka's neighbor. **MURDERED BY KOSAKA.**

"Council President" ····· Town Council President of Soil New Town.
MURDERED BY KENTO'S MOTHER.

Yomogida ····· Detective in charge of a case that occurred in Soiru Village back in 1951.

Inspector Sakurada ····· Two officials from the Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department.
and Sakura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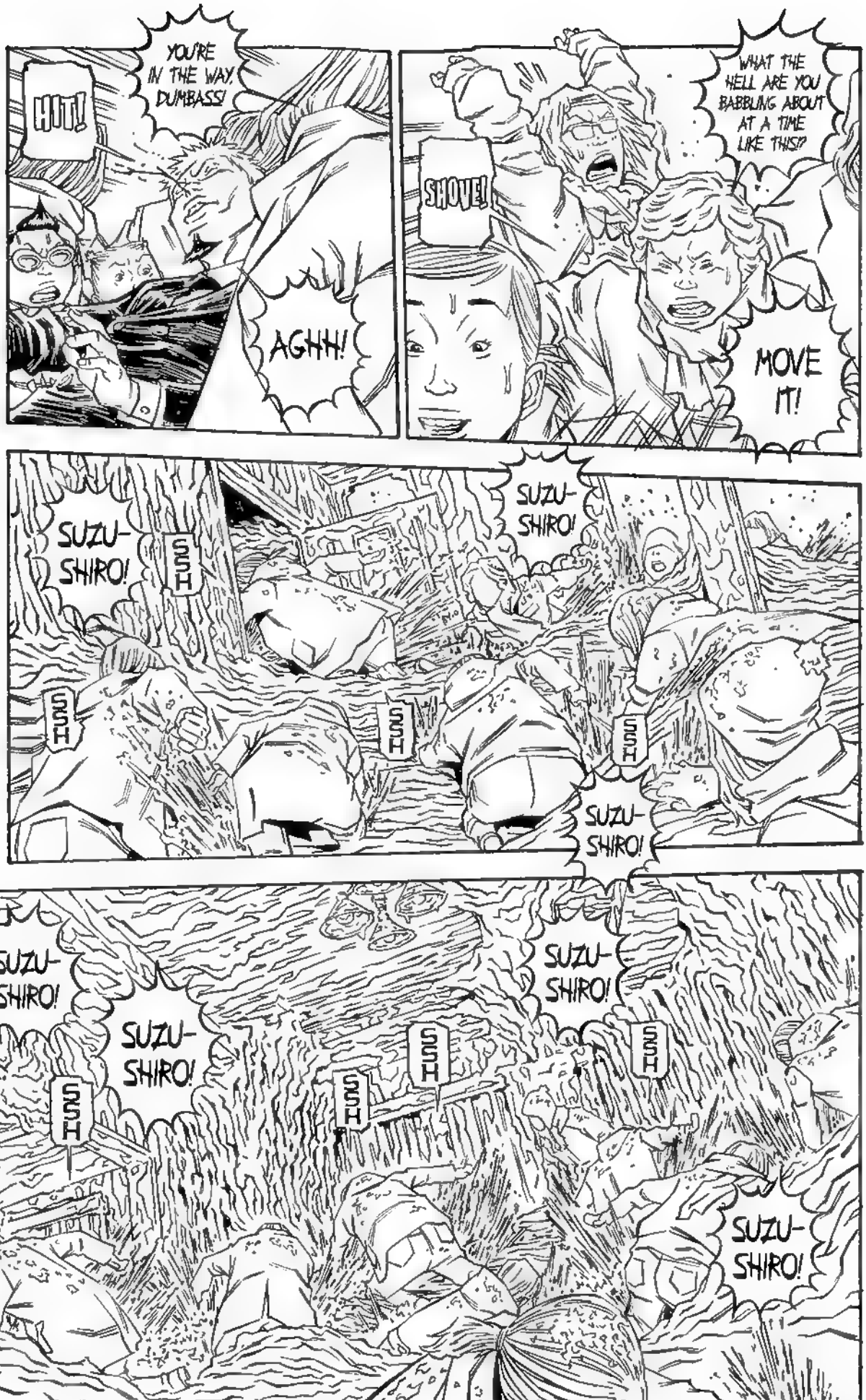
SSH
SSH
AGHH!
AGHH!
SSH
SSH
SSH
SSH
SSH
GAHHHH!
AHHHH!
RAA AHHH!
AAAHH!
AAAHH!
HAAHH!
HAHHH!
SUZU-SHIRO!

BLOCK 3-14

SUZU-
SHIRO!
SSH
SSH
SSH
SSH
SSH

E-EVERYONE! Y-YOU ARE ALL ILLEGALLY TRESPASSING ON PRIVATE-
UMM...


HIT!
YOU'RE IN THE WAY, DUMBASS!
AGHH!
SHOVE!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU BABBLING ABOUT AT A TIME LIKE THIS?
MOVE IT!
SUZU-SHIRO!
SSH
SUZU-SHIRO!
SSH
SSH
SSH
SUZU-SHIRO!
SUZU-SHIRO!
SSH
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SSH
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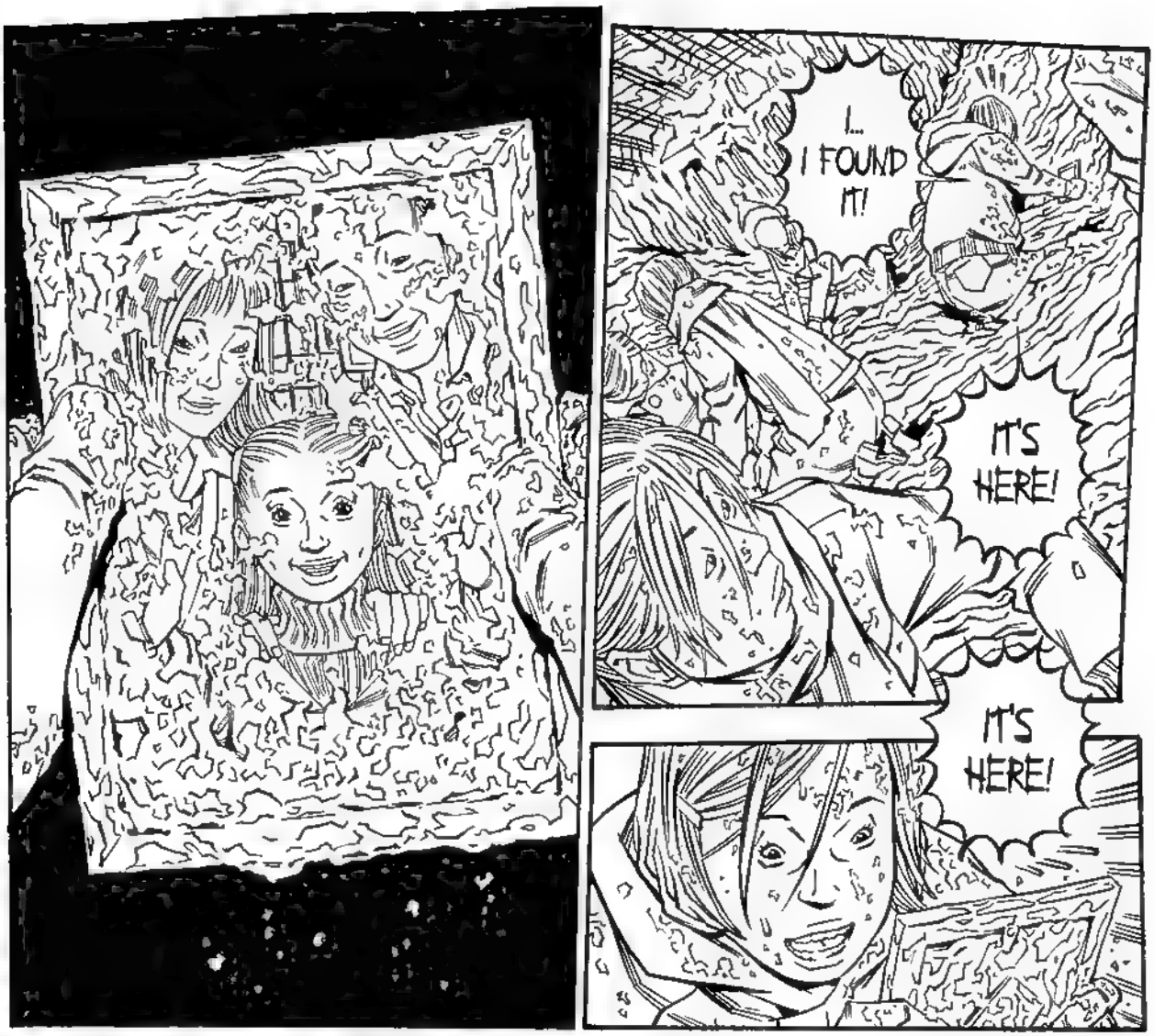
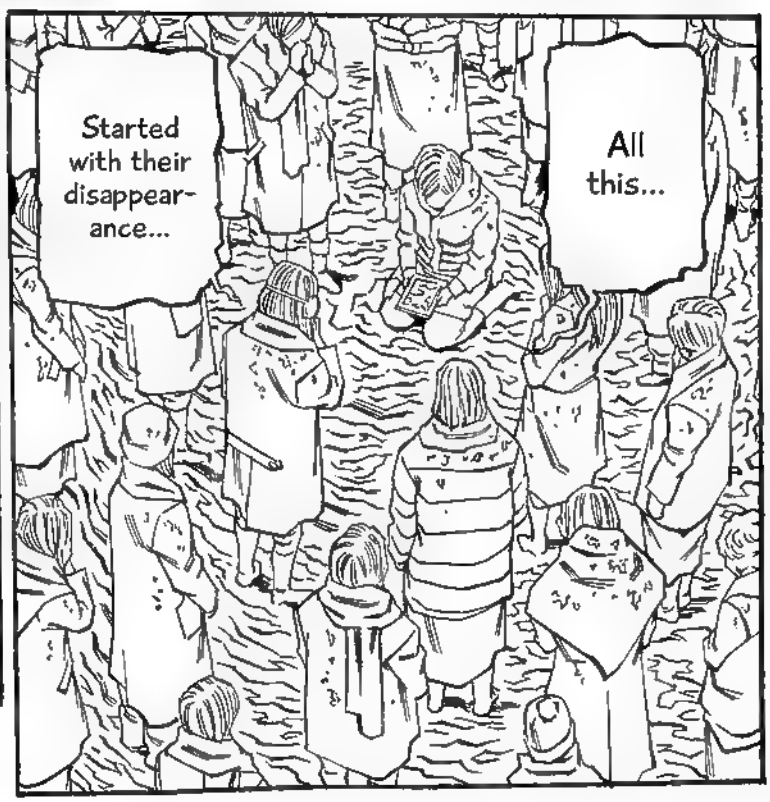
SUZU-SHIRO!


I... I FOUND IT!
IT'S HERE!
IT'S HERE!

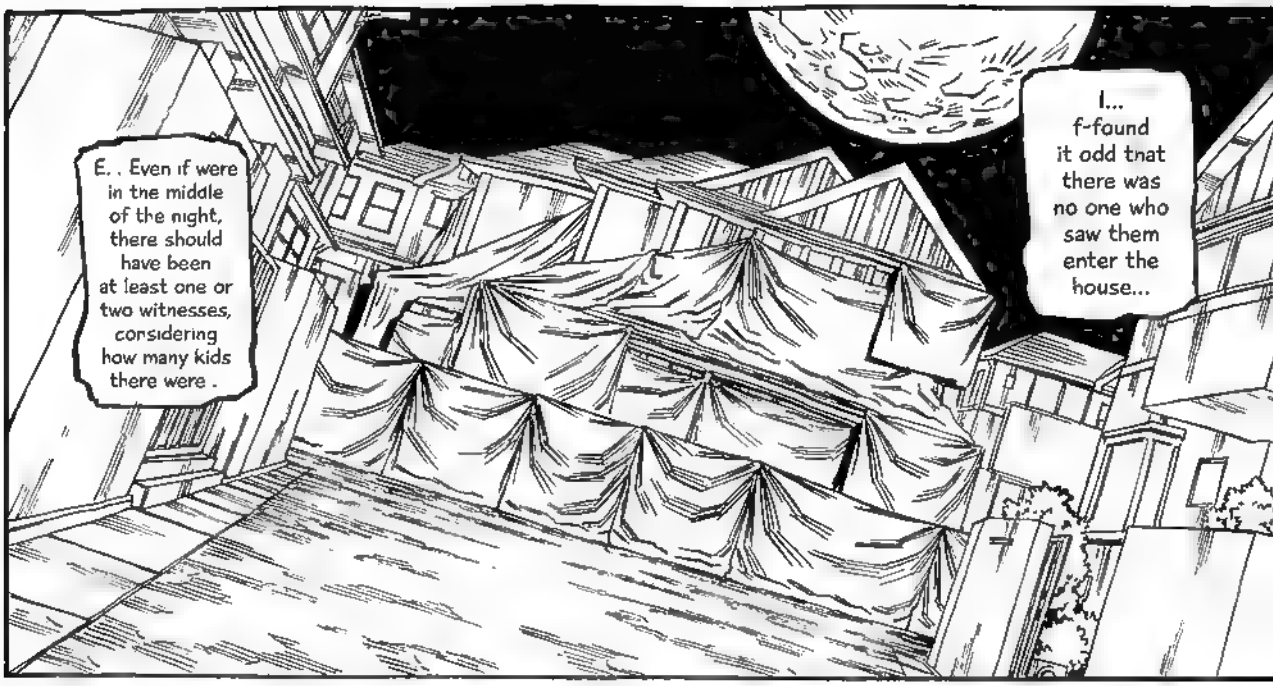
Their family was necessary for Soil's existence...
That's right...

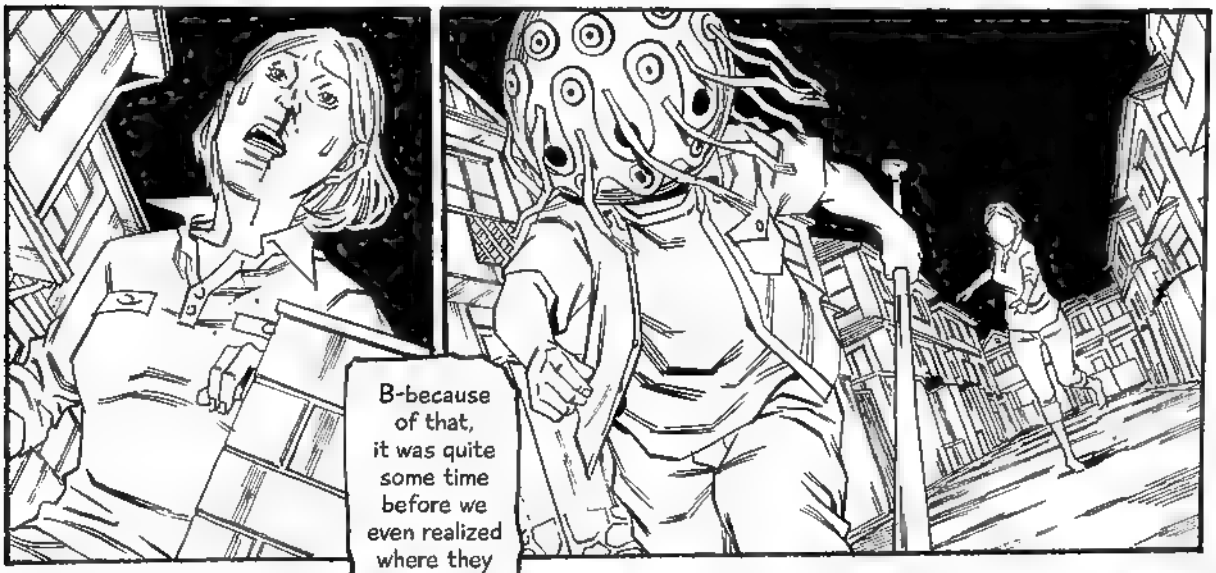

Started with their disappear-ance...
All this...

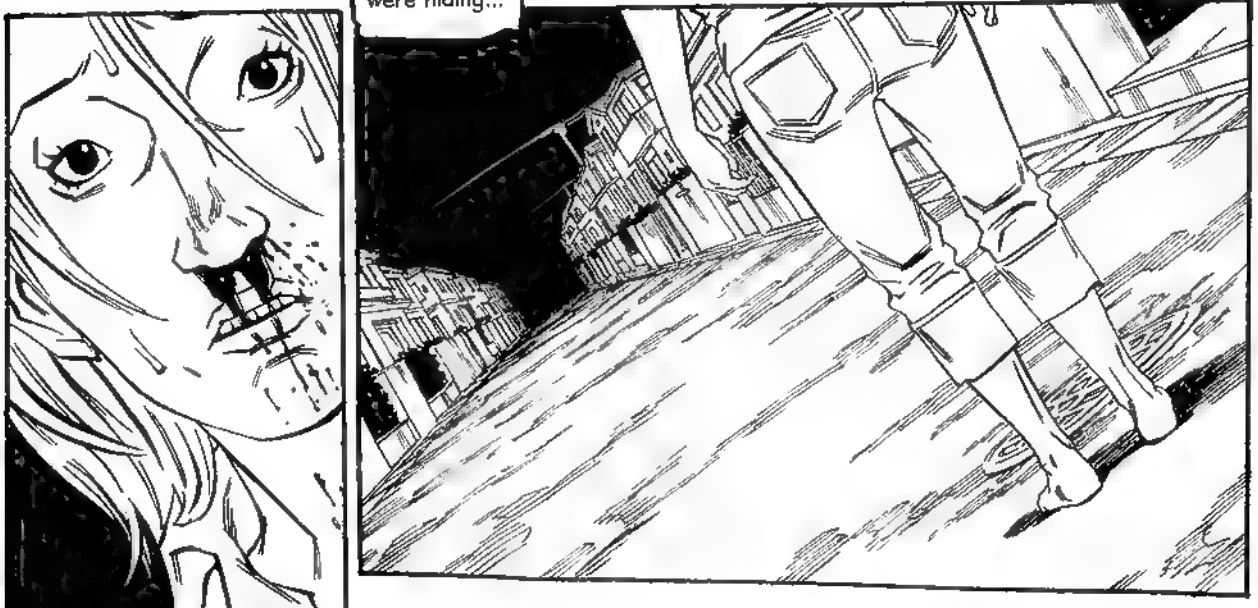
Forgive us, Suzushiro...!
Please help us!
A perfect... ideal... family...
Look at us now... having lost this light...

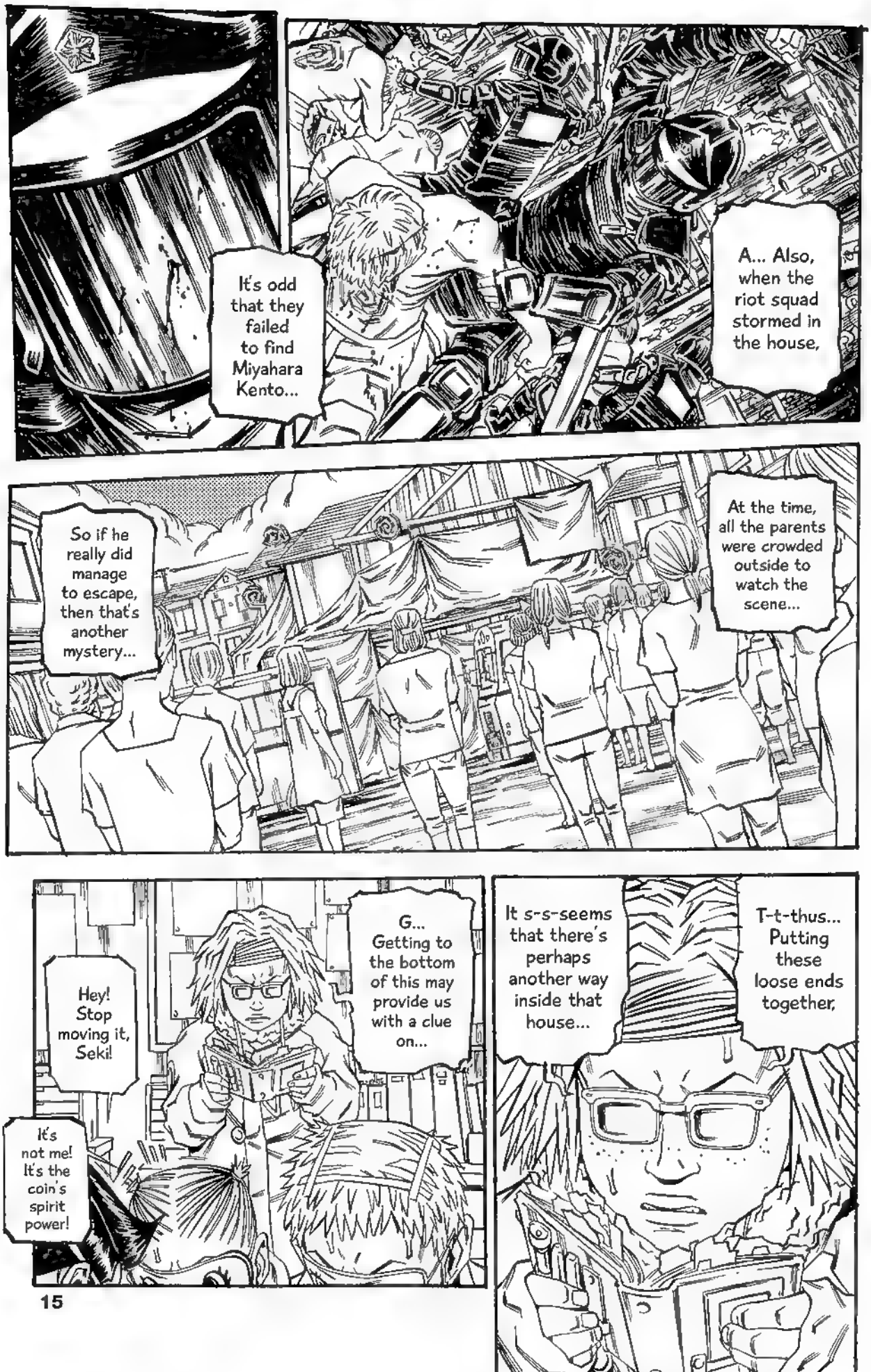
ざわざわ
[Harm]
Illegally trespassing...
You're...
ざわざわざわざわ
Why not? It's not like there's really any need now to preserve the evidence or the scene of the incident
B-but... As a police officer...
Is it really fine to leave them there like that...?

Right now, our Paranormal Phenomena Research Club's priority is to continue its paranormal investigation of the missing children...
Common sense and laws don't apply to this town anymore.
O-our? Does that include me?
This 5 yen coin has been infused with great spiritual power by a certain medium! I bought it online for 50,000 yen!
Whoa, you got conned good.
Hey, Seki. What're we doin'?
Spirit searching.
W... When the kids all barricaded themselves inside the Town Council President's home...
Look! It moved!
Realized something w-when I... saw those adults today...
Ummm... I-in any case, I...
Weren't you the one who moved it, Seki?


E. . Even if were in the middle of the night, there should have been at least one or two witnesses, considering how many kids there were .
I... f-found it odd that there was no one who saw them enter the house...

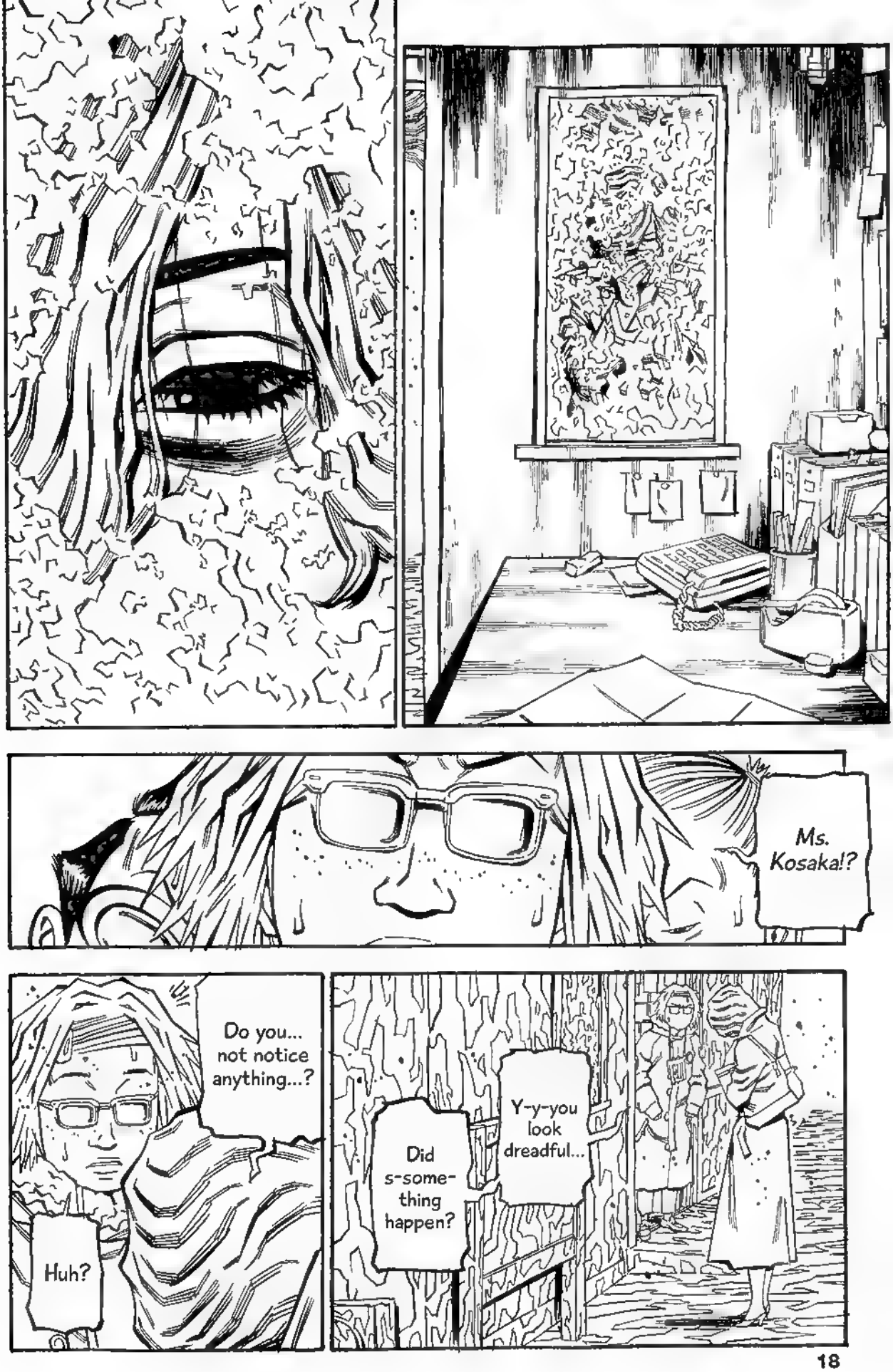

B-because of that, it was quite some time before we even realized where they were hiding...



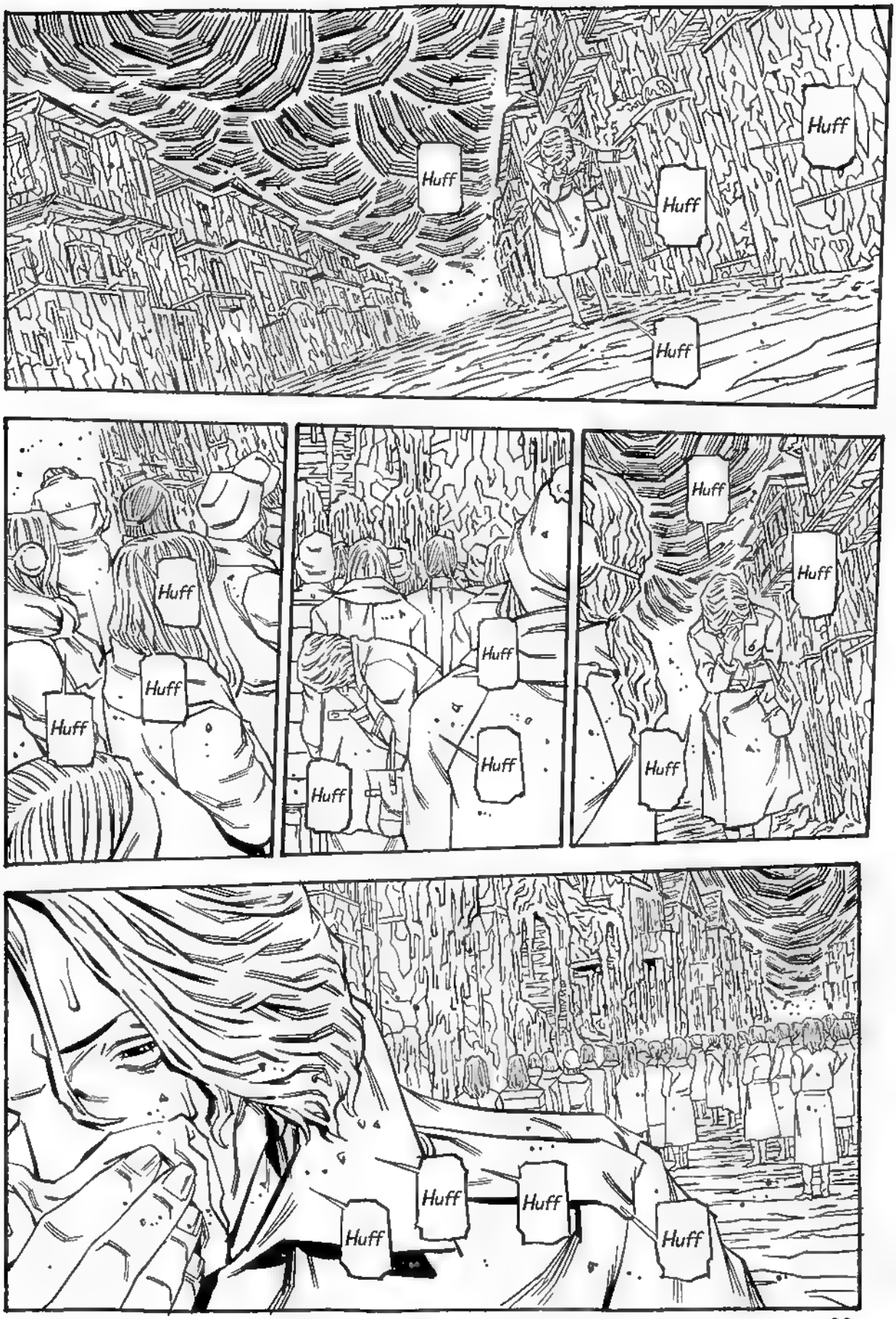

It's odd that they failed to find Miyahara Kento...
A... Also, when the riot squad stormed in the house,
So if he really did manage to escape, then that's another mystery...
At the time, all the parents were crowded outside to watch the scene...
Hey! Stop moving it, Seki!
It's not me! It's the coin's spirit power!
G... Getting to the bottom of this may provide us with a clue on...
It s-s-seems that there's perhaps another way inside that house...
T-t-thus... Putting these loose ends together,

W-where is it!?
FUMBLE
FUMBLE
Where'd the coin go?
Wha!?
Huh?
I-in short... The place we should be investigating is...
What!? If it can just vanish like that, then I got scammed 50,000 yen!
ROLL
ROLL
Its spirit power allowed it to disappear!
Oh! It's another paranormal phenomenon!
...
ROLL
STOP
SPIN
SPIN
SPIN
BUMP

Huh?
...
Let's see... This is, uhh... Soil West district, block 3..
The spirits are pointing to this location!
Ohh! It's standing!
A paranormal phenomenon!
Huh? It's over here.
The Town Council President's home...?
AHHH!
O-OVER THERE!


Ms. Kosaka!?
Do you... not notice anything...?
Huh?
Y-y-you look dreadful...
Did s-something happen?

I can't say I do...
N-no, I...
So foul I can hardly stand it any longer...
This... foul stench...
I feel like there's some great harmful threat lurking...
And this headache...
Right...
Please find out the source at once and take care of it even one second sooner!
The stench is affecting the whole town...!
Why won't you take any action?
Umm... No, but I-
...
...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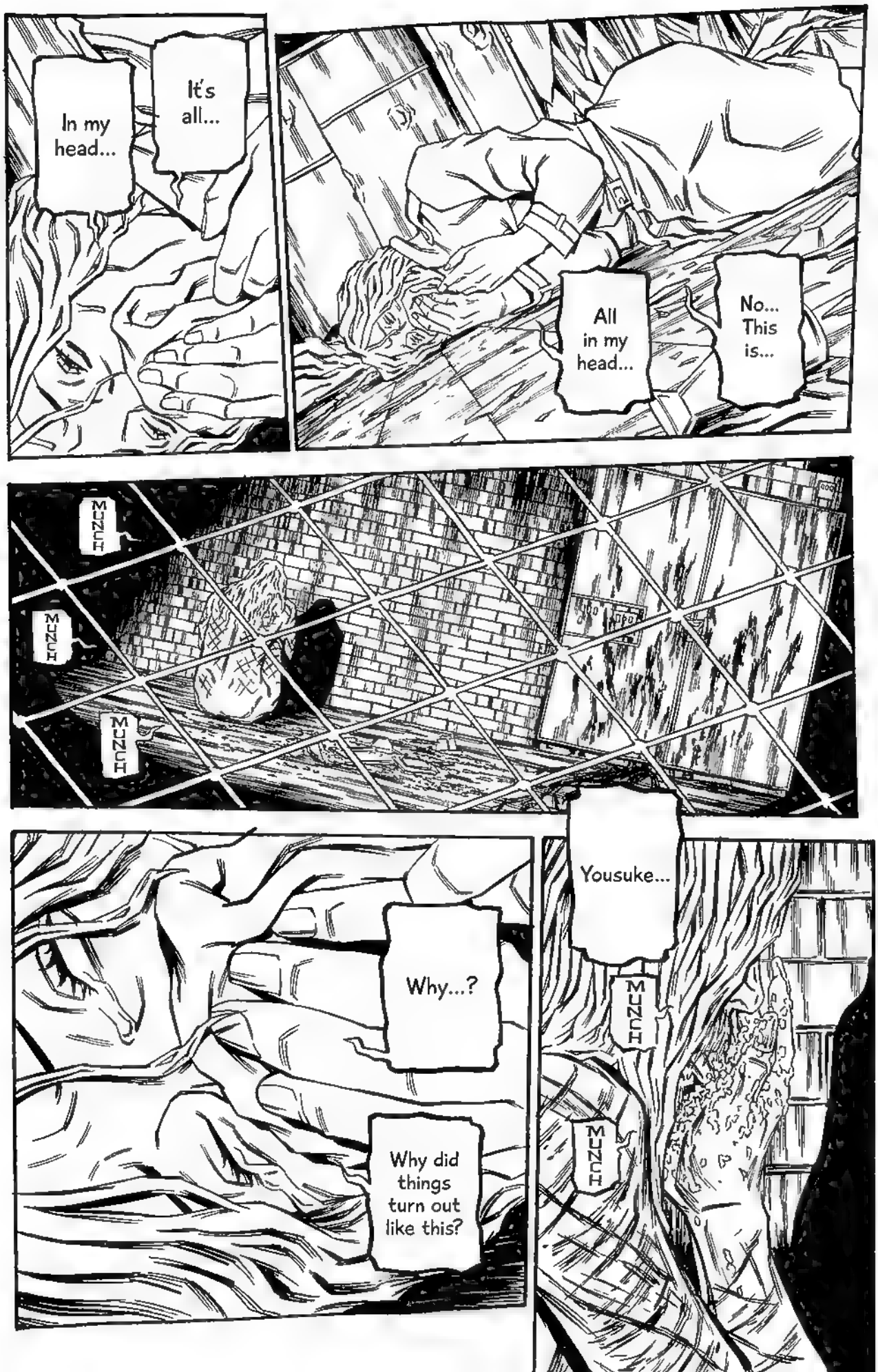
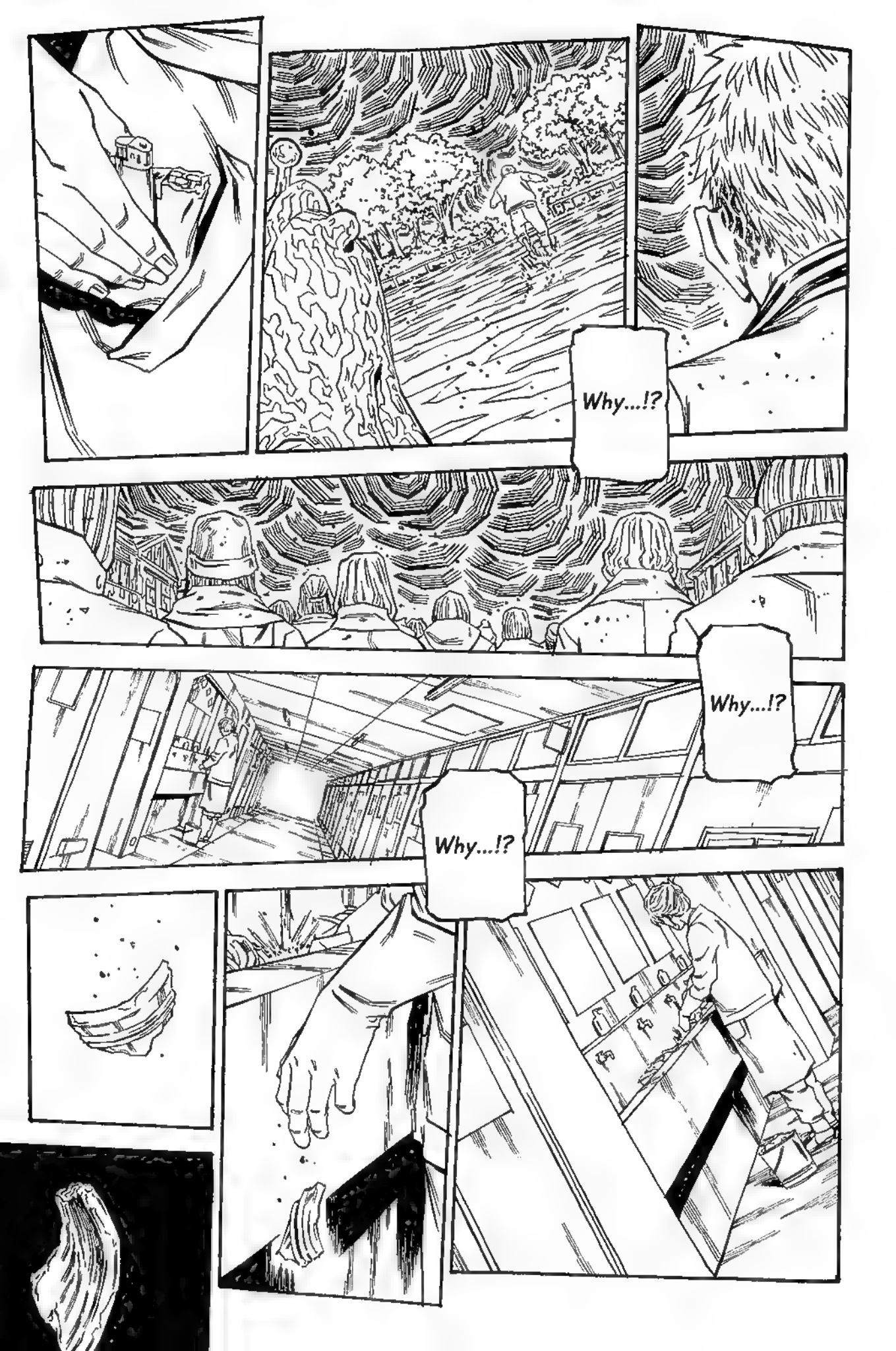
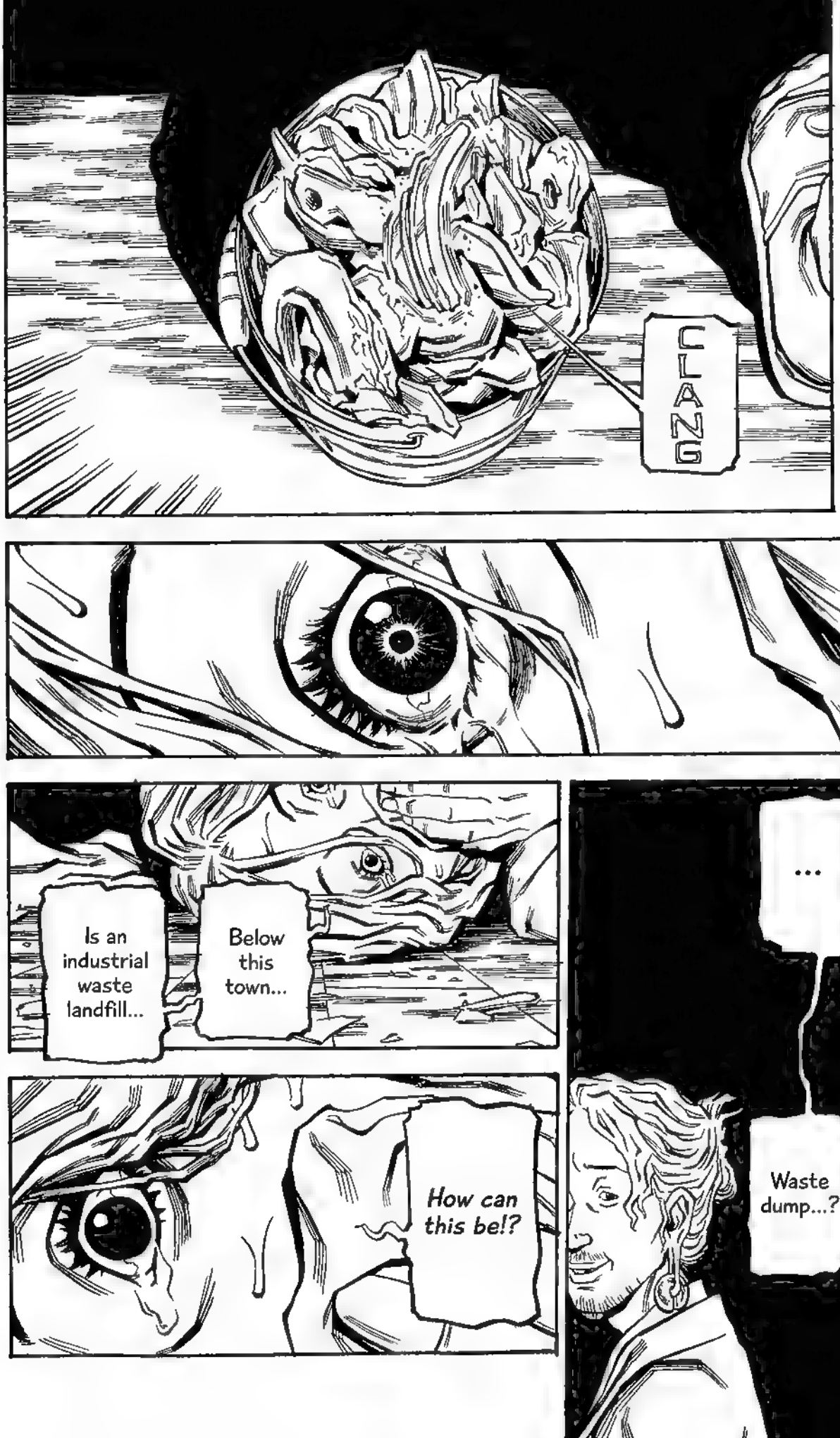
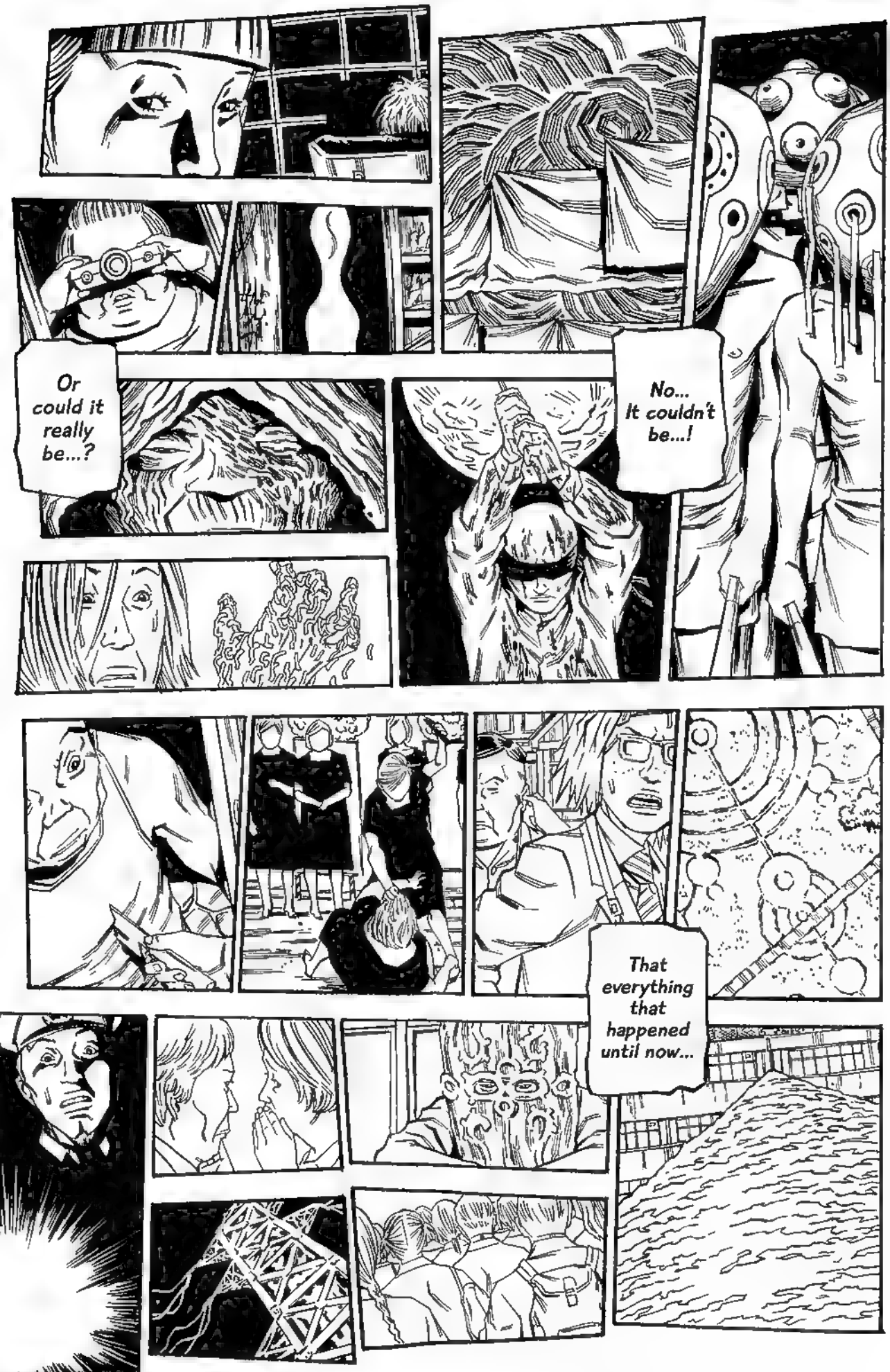

In my head...
It's all...
All in my head...
No... This is...
MUNCH
MUNCH
MUNCH
Why...?
Why did things turn out like this?
Yousuke...
MUNCH
MUNCH


Why...!?
Why...!?
Why...!?

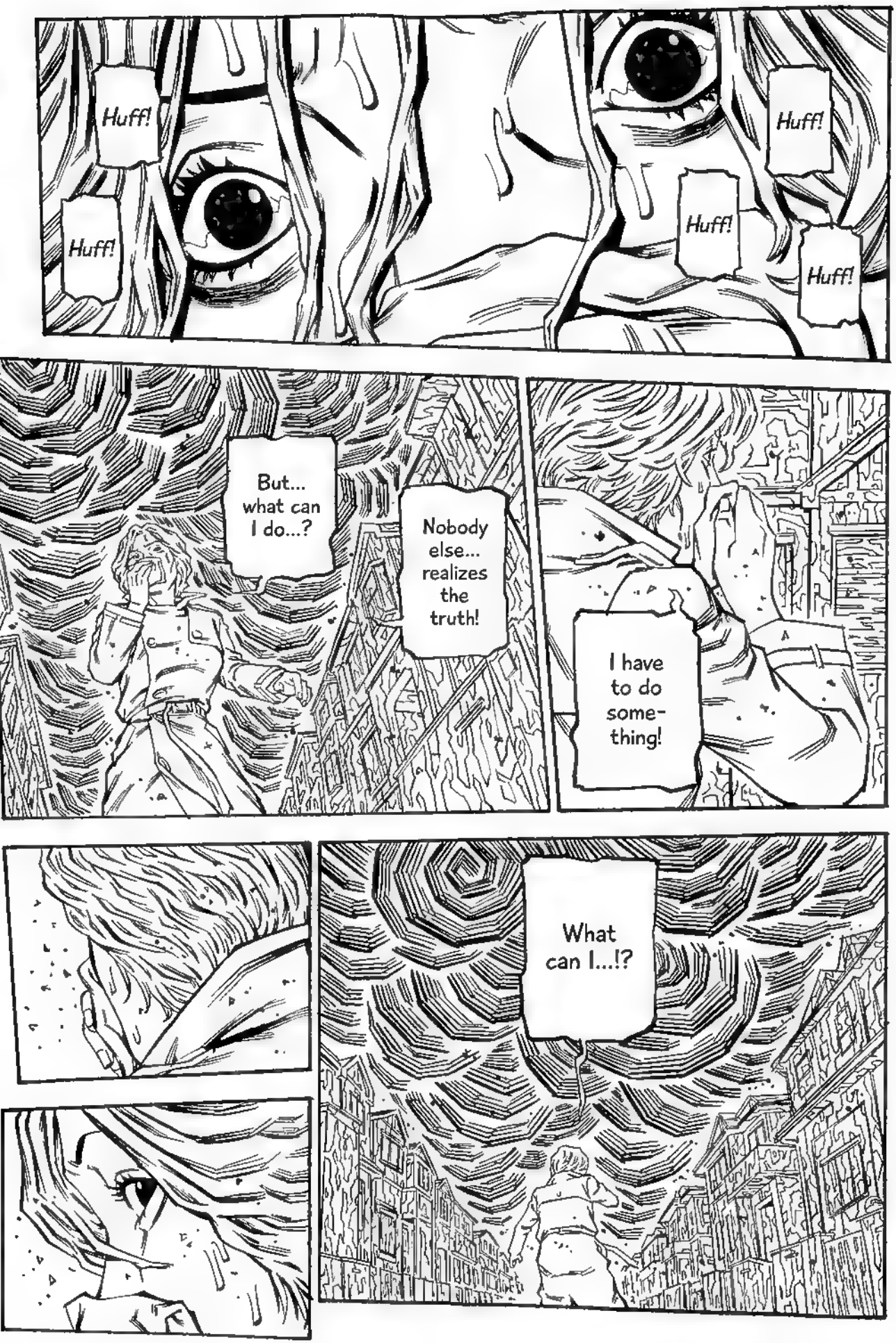

CLANG
Is an industrial waste landfill...
Below this town...
How can this be!?
...
Waste dump...?

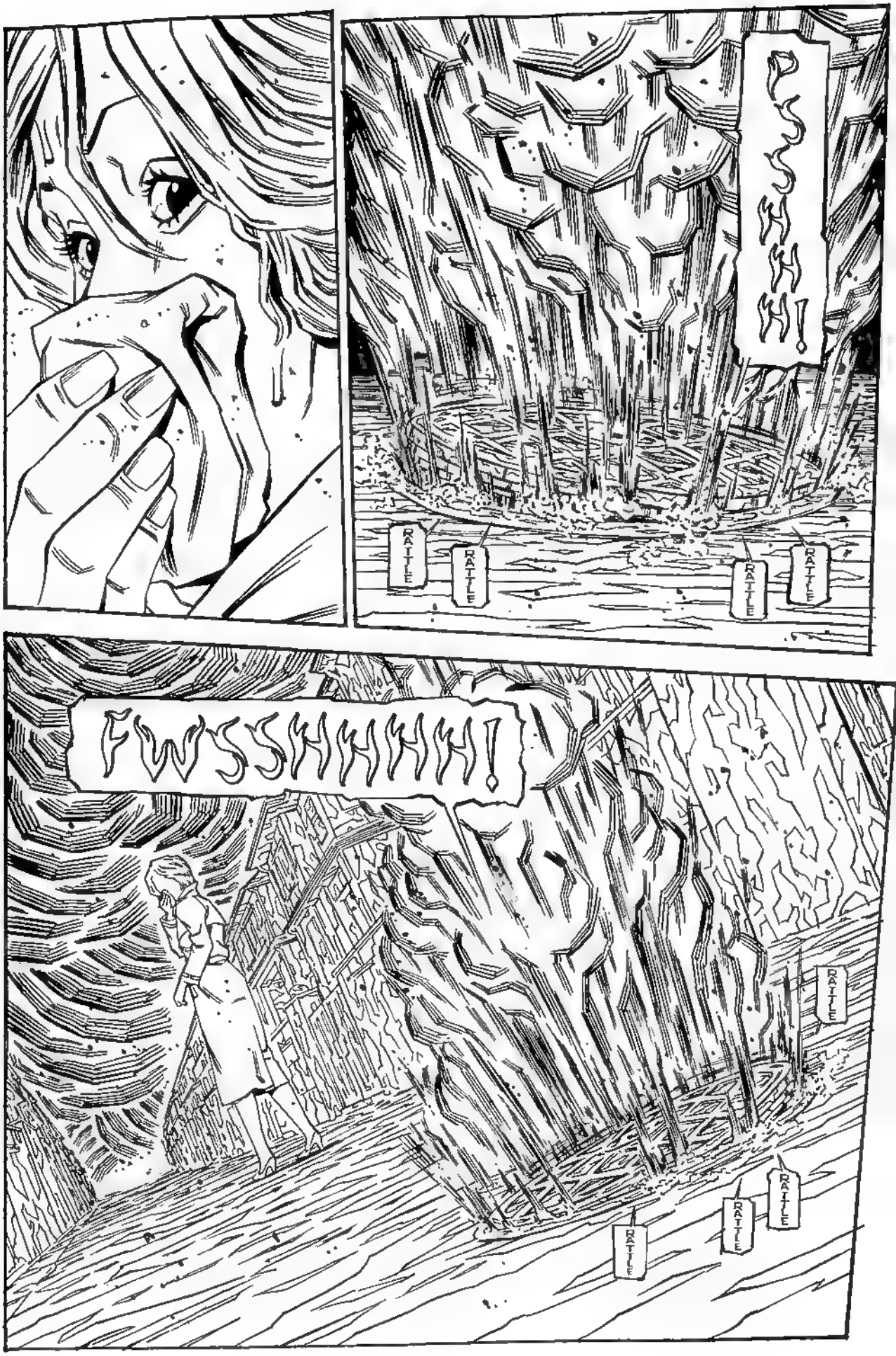
Huff!
Huff!
Huff!

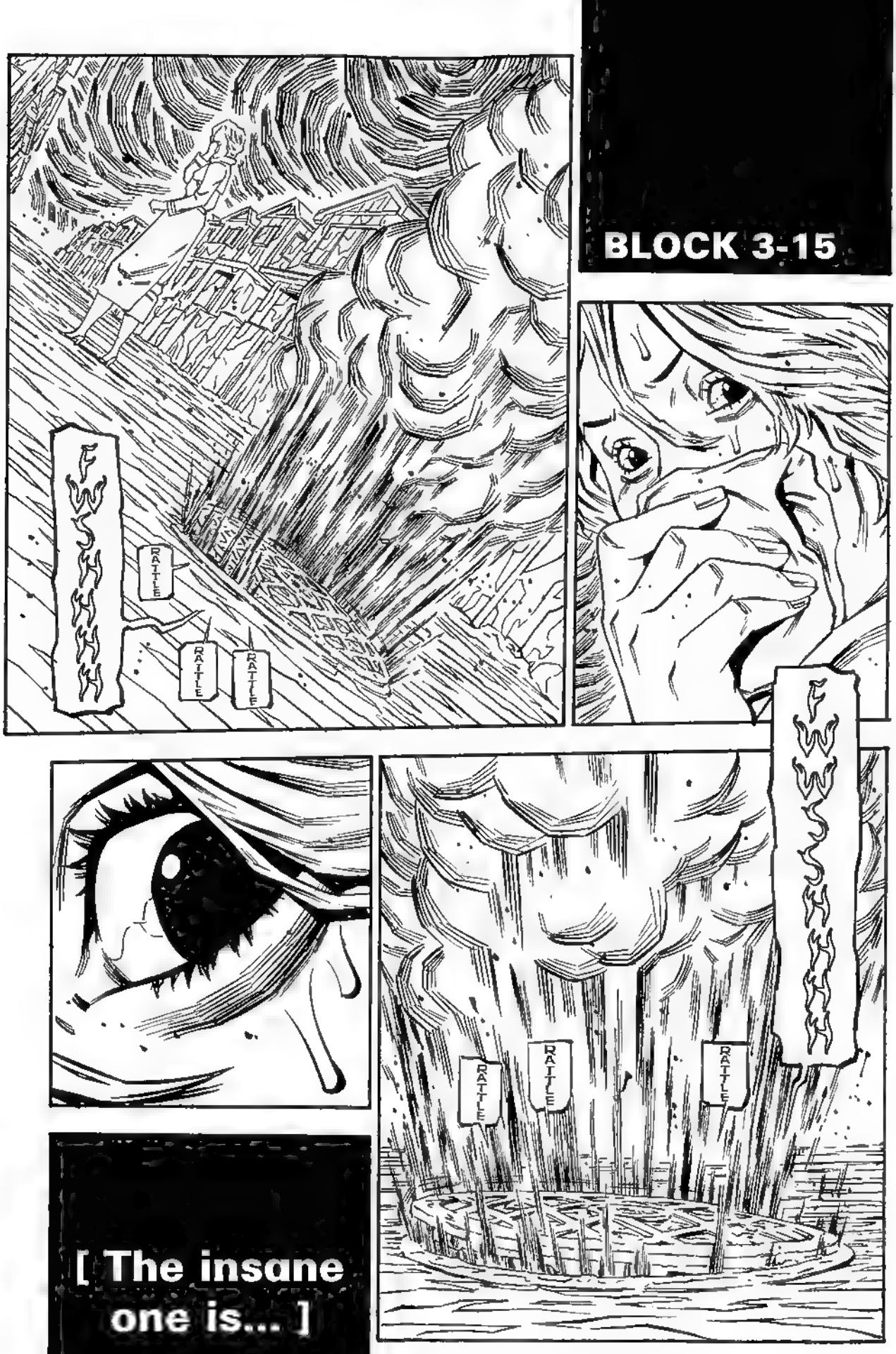
From when...!?
And from where...!?


Or could it really be...?
No... It couldn't be...!
That everything that happened until now...

Was never real!?


Huff!
Huff!
Huff!
Huff!
Huff!
But... what can I do...?
Nobody else... realizes the truth!
I have to do some-thing!
What can I...!?


PSSHH!
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
FWSSHHHH!
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE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RATTLE
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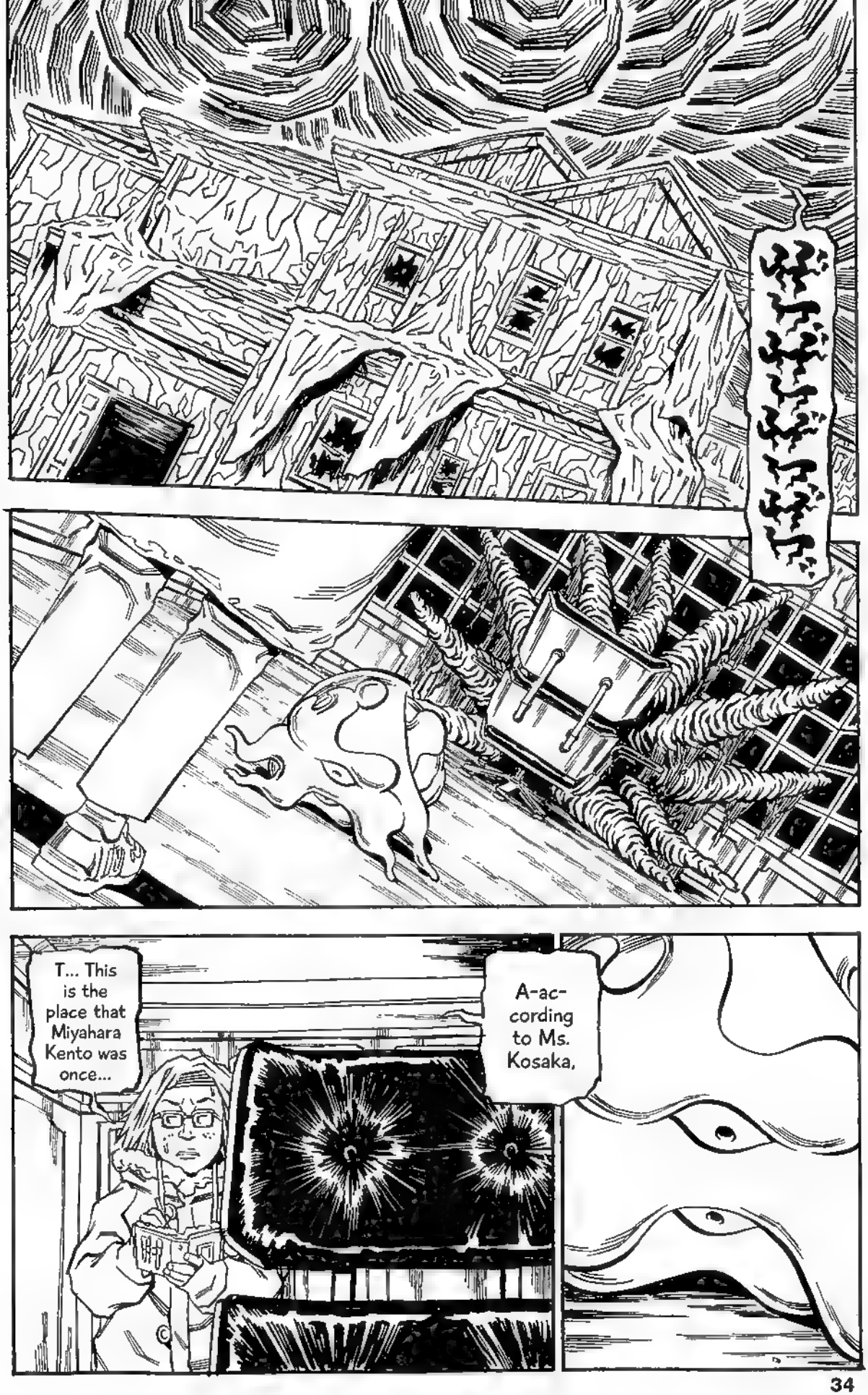
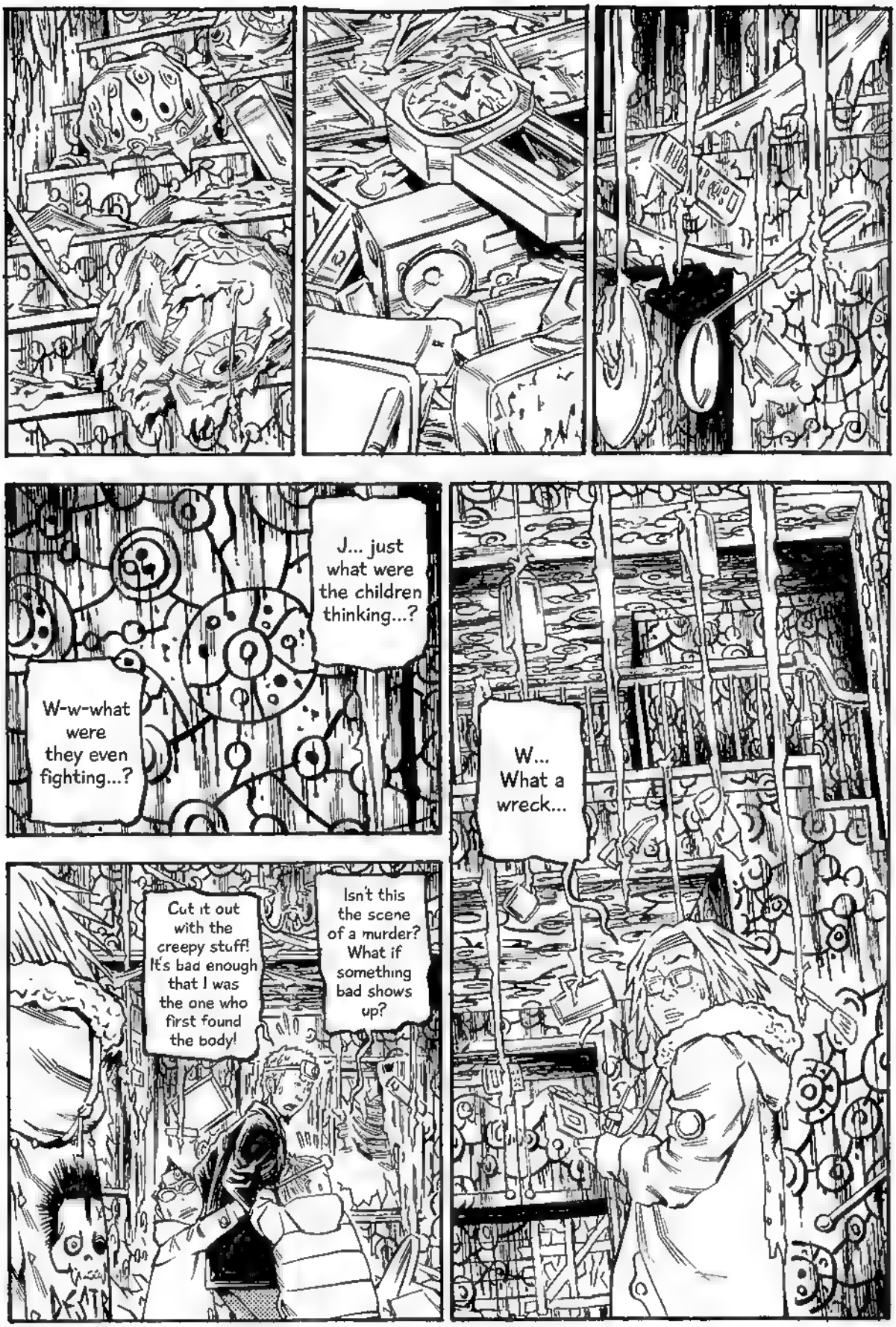
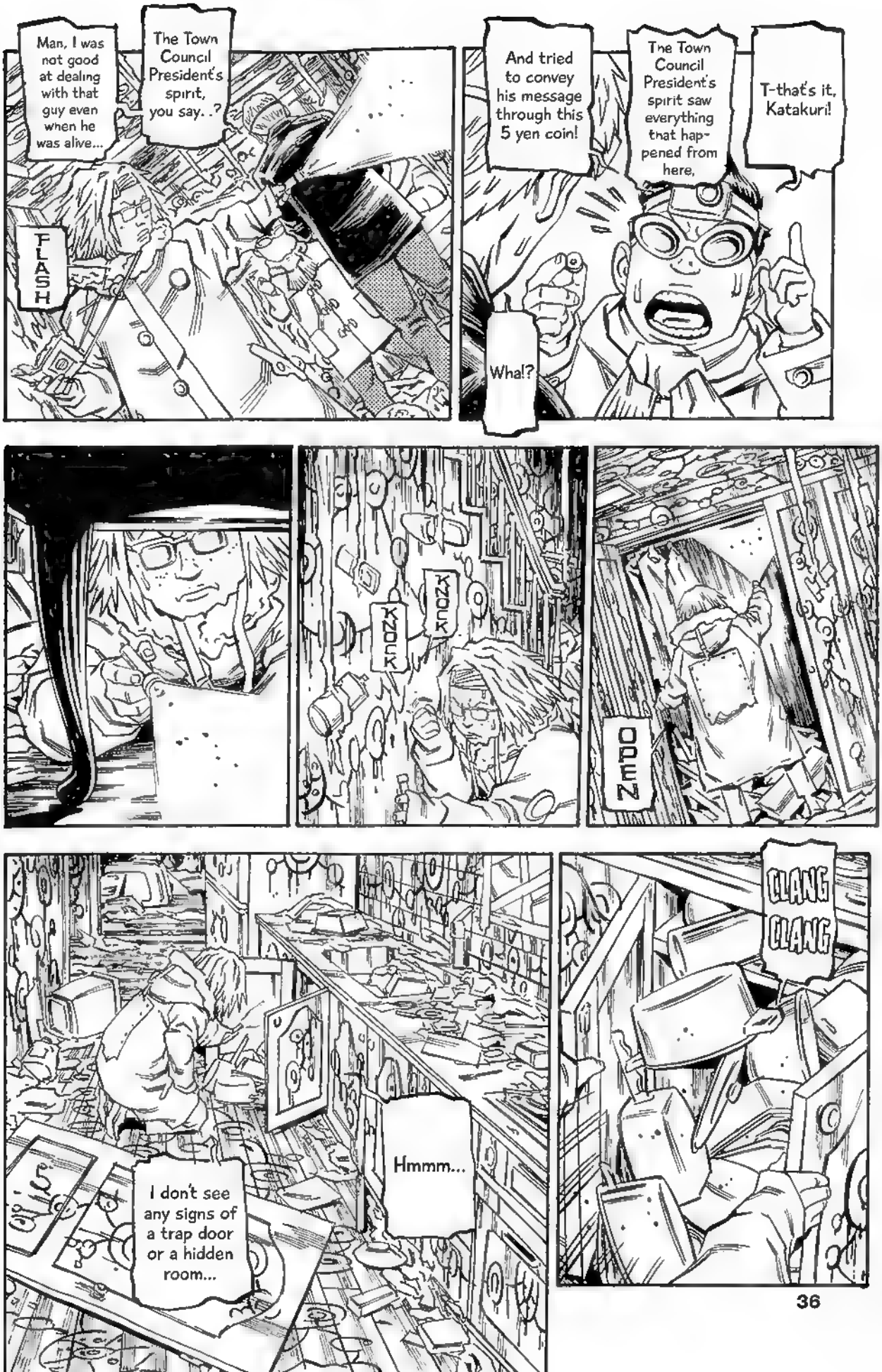
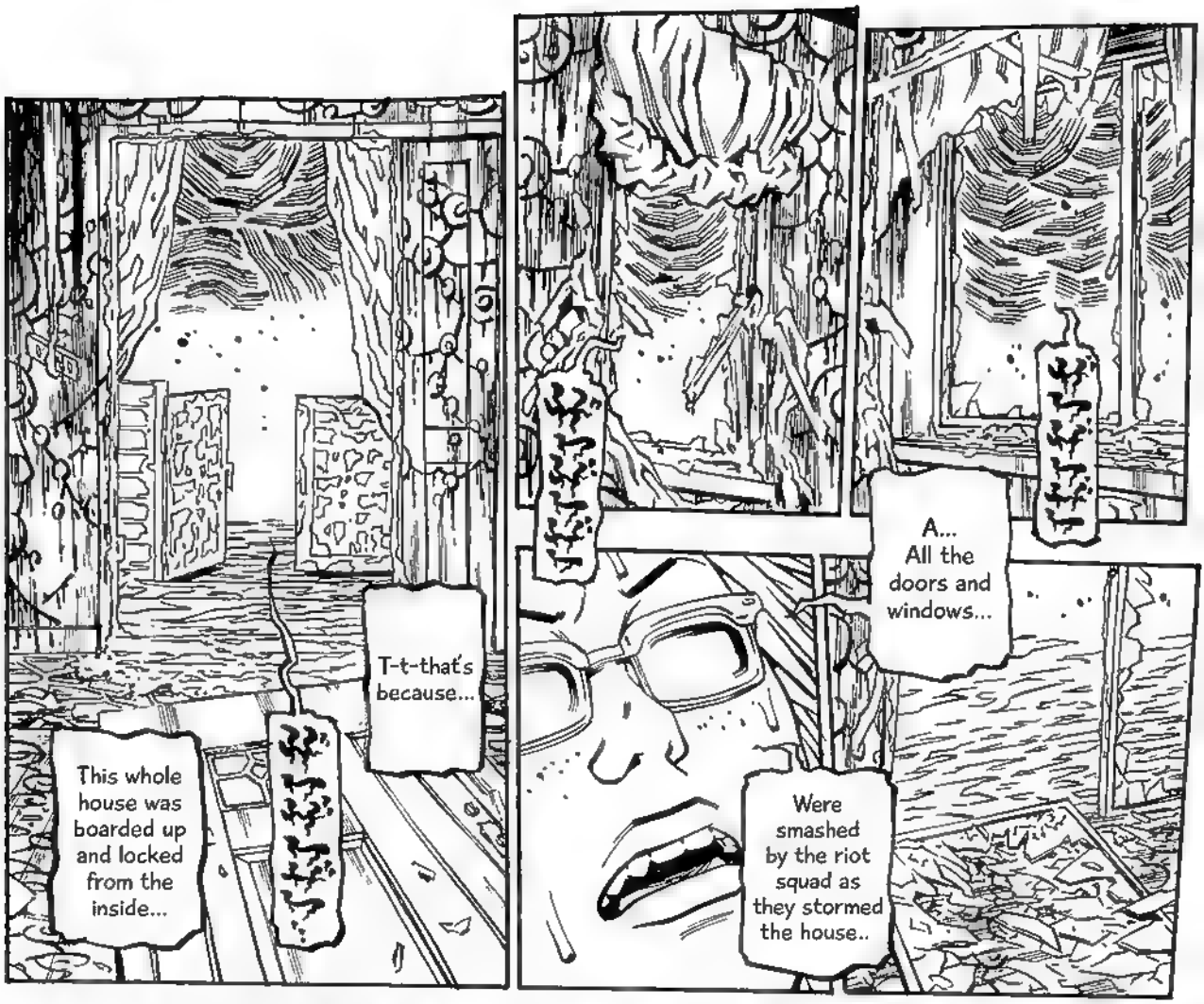

T... This is the place that Miyahara Kento was once...
A-according to Ms. Kosaka,


W-w-what were they even fighting...?
J... just what were the children thinking...?
W... What a wreck...
Cut it out with the creepy stuff! It's bad enough that I was the one who first found the body!
Isn't this the scene of a murder? What if something bad shows up?

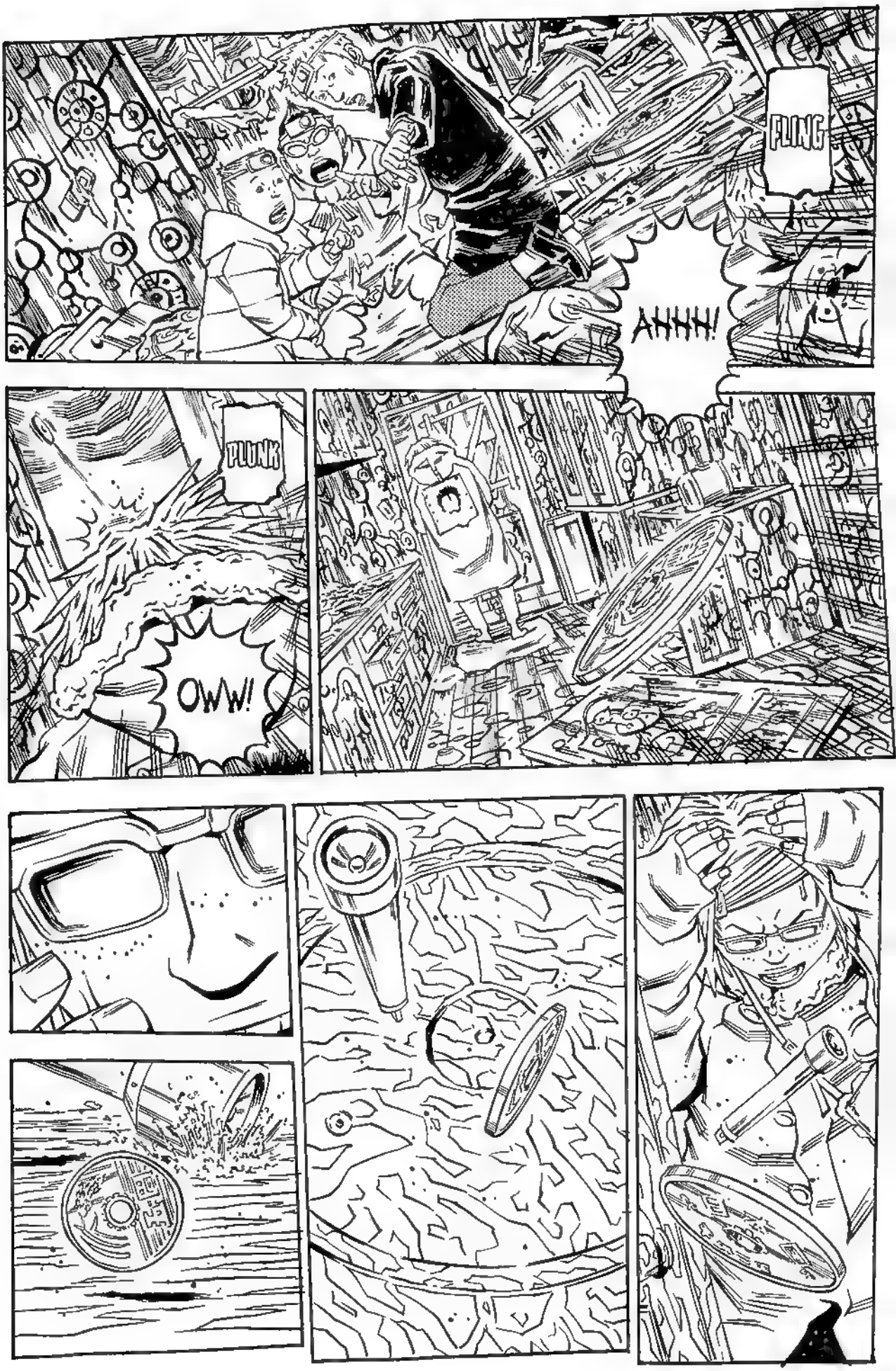

Man, I was not good at dealing with that guy even when he was alive...
The Town Council President's spirit, you say..?
FLASH
And tried to convey his message through this 5 yen coin!
The Town Council President's spirit saw everything that happened from here,
T-that's it, Katakuri!
Wha!?
KZOUK
KZOUK
OPEN
CLANG CLANG
Hmmm...
I don't see any signs of a trap door or a hidden room...

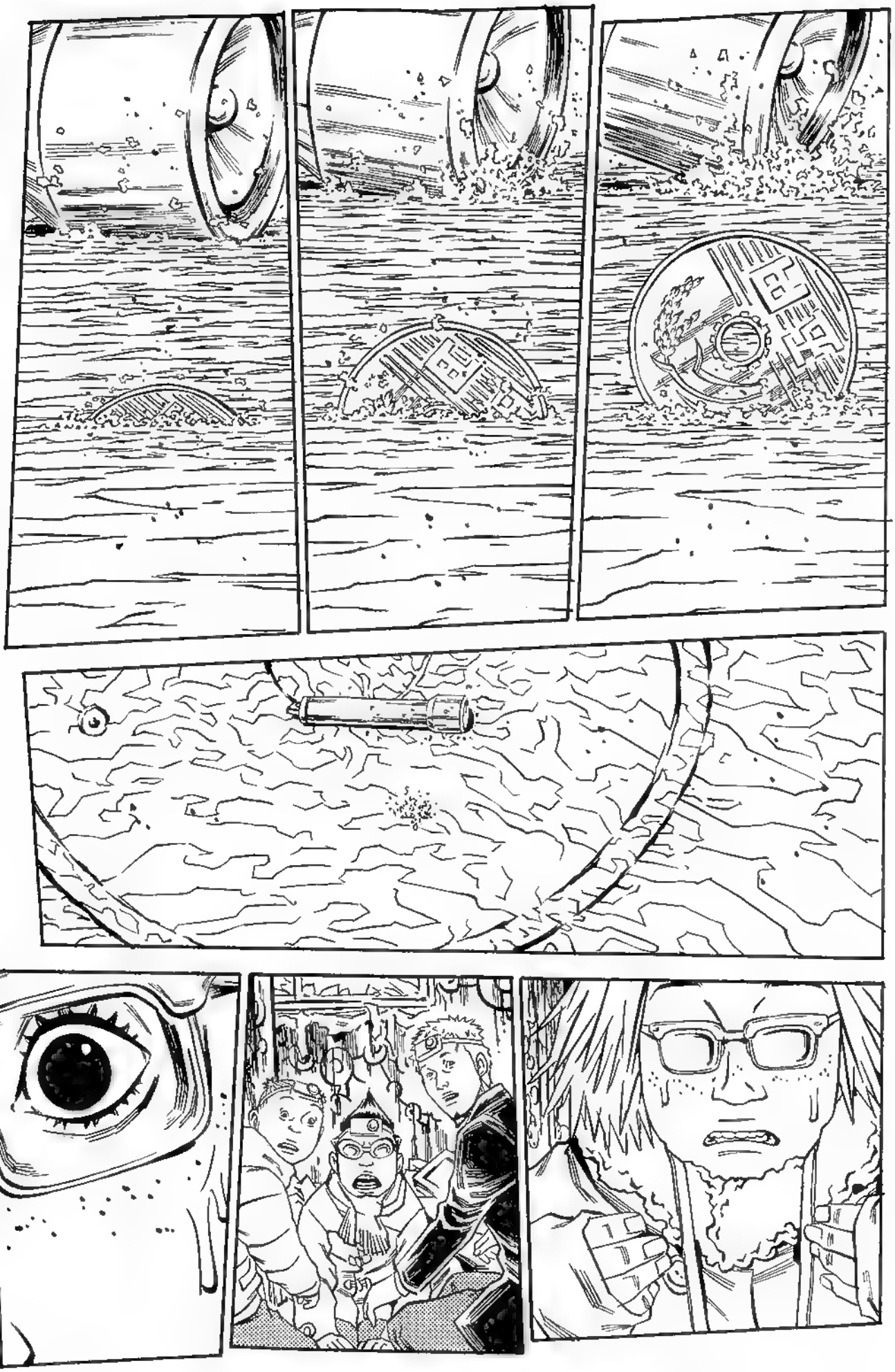
J... just how did the children manage to escape without being seen?

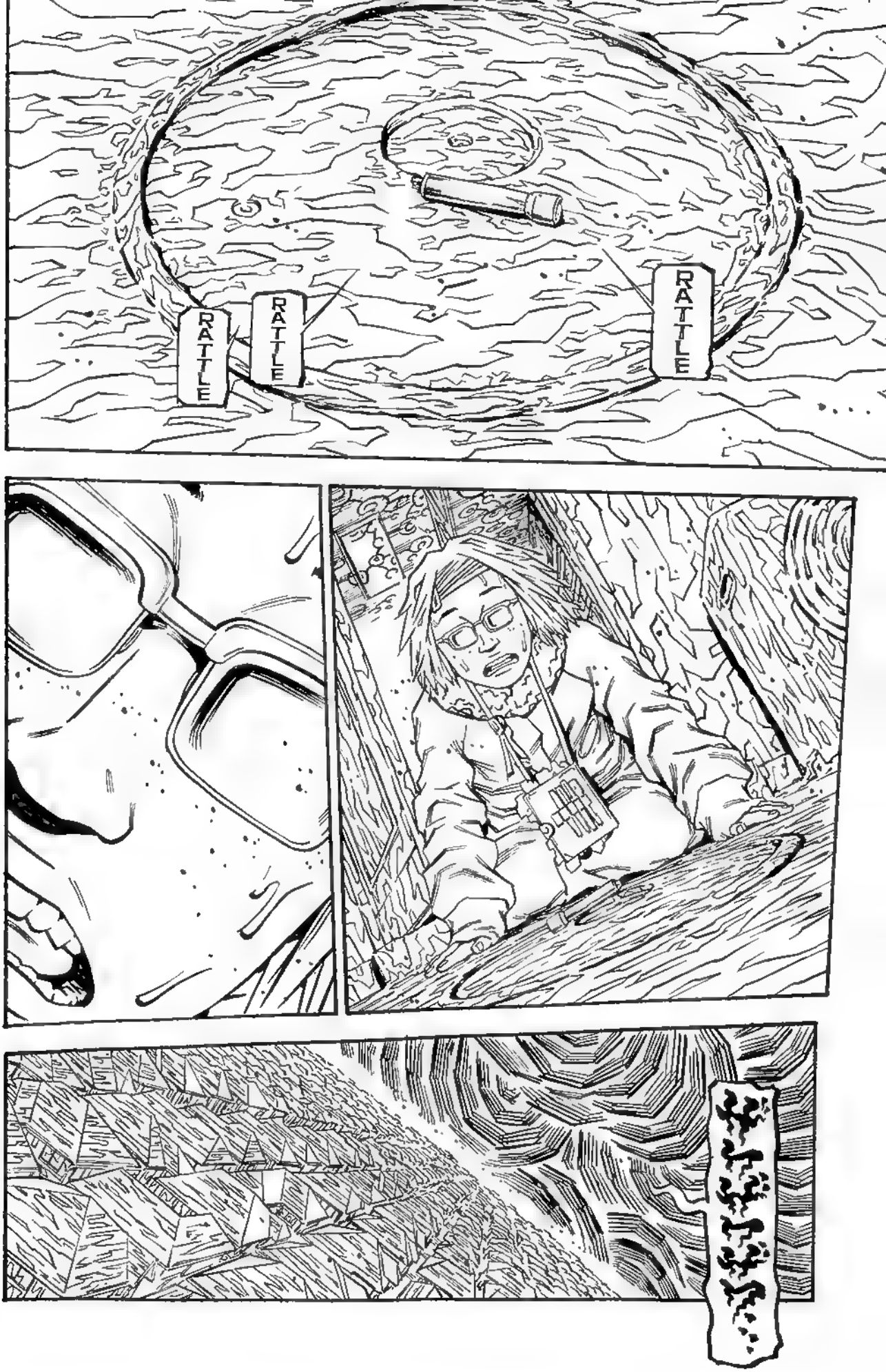

This whole house was boarded up and locked from the inside...
T-t-that's because...
Were smashed by the riot squad as they stormed the house..
A... All the doors and windows...

W... Which means...
T-t-then that means . This door alone could be opened from the inside...
Is standing unbroken...
B-b-b... But this back door alone .

Aren't we really just playing Ouija here?
No! This is a spirit investigation!
See! You're moving it again, Seki! I see you!
No! You only think that because you still hold doubts about the coin's spiritual power!
No, you definitely moved the coin that time, Seki!
Hey! Stop trying to push it!
That's only because you're not letting the coin move!
No, it's the spirit!
No, not that way!
Stop trying to drag it!
So you admit you're moving it then!
Well, that's only because you're trying to move it away somewhere weird-


FLING
AHHH!
PLUNK
OWW!

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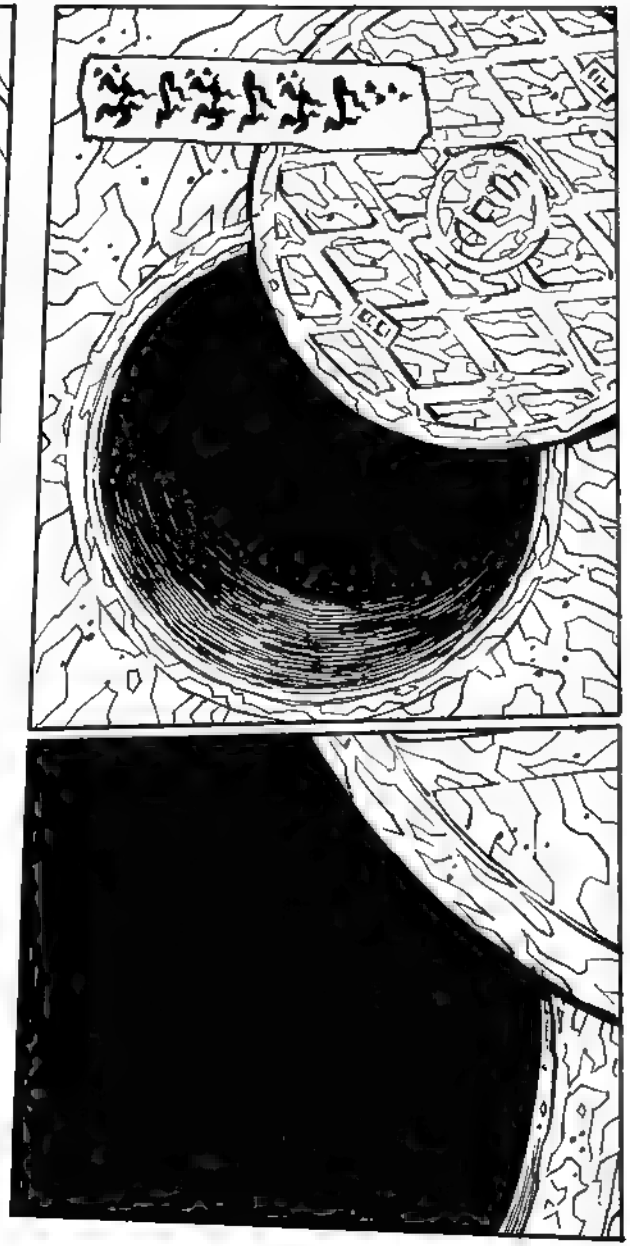
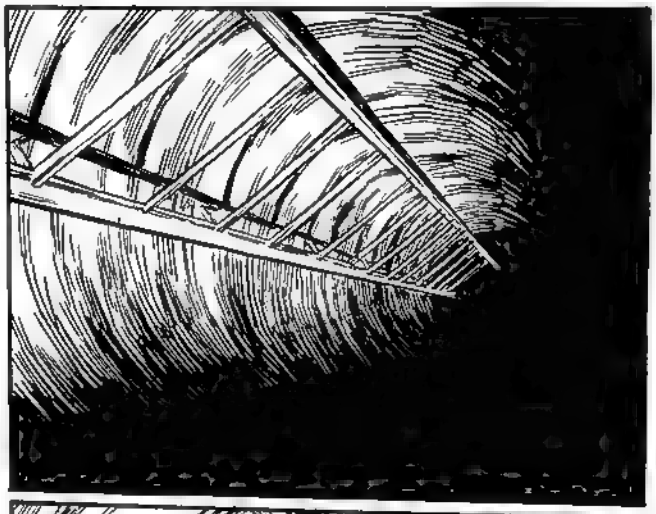
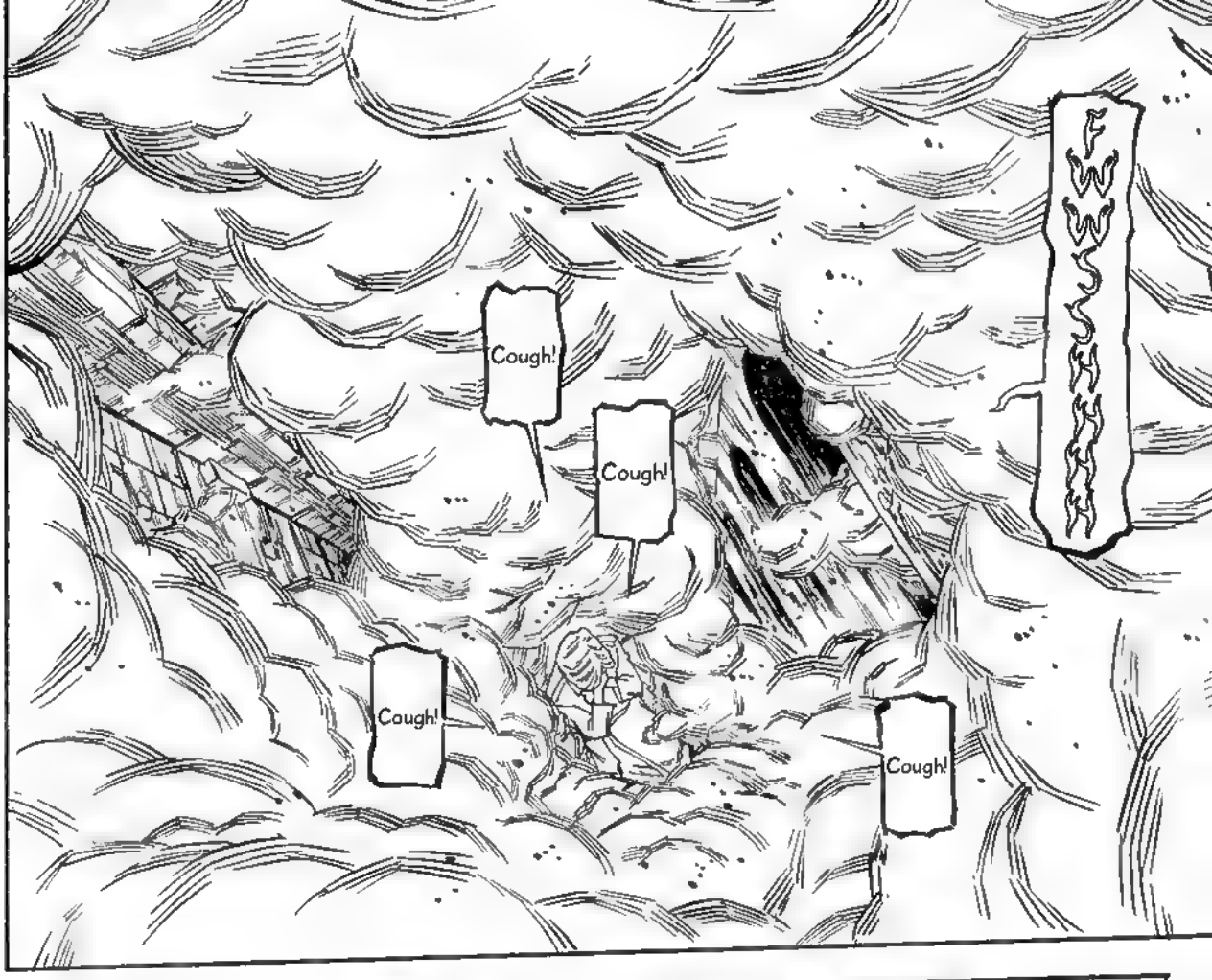
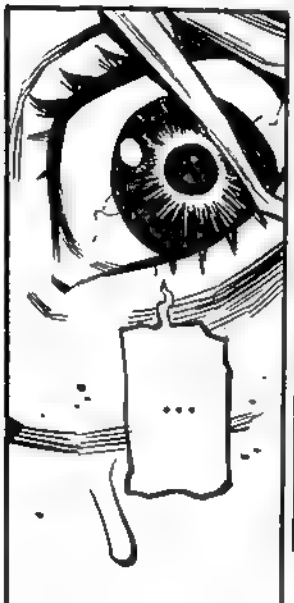





Cough!
Cough!
Cough!
Cough!

...Where is this place?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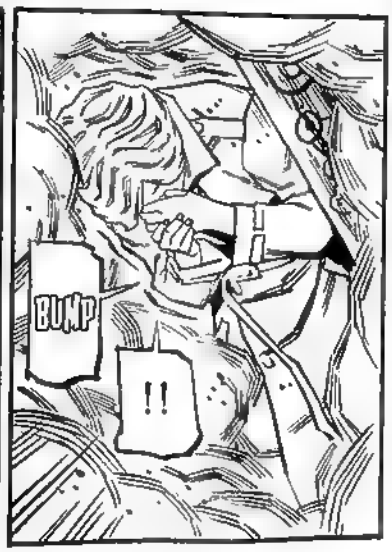
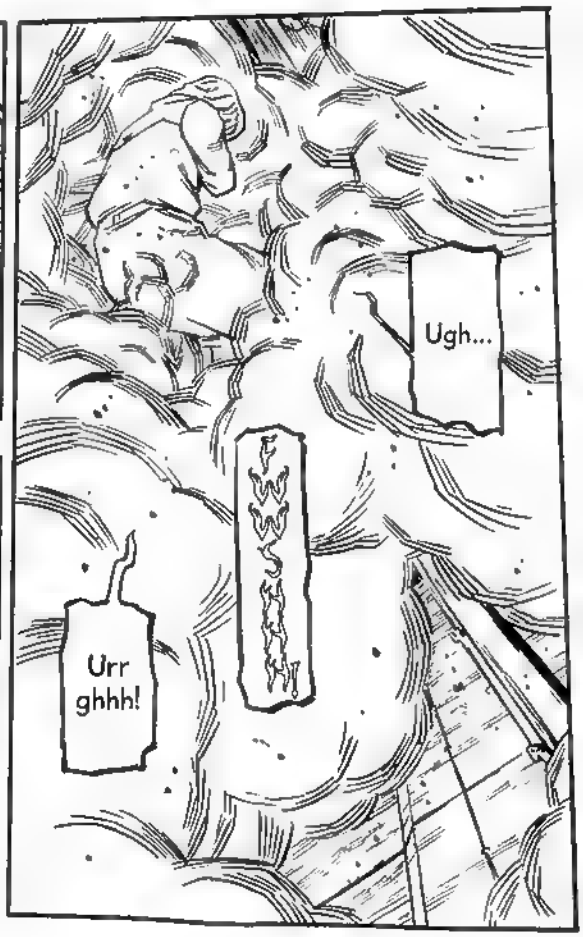
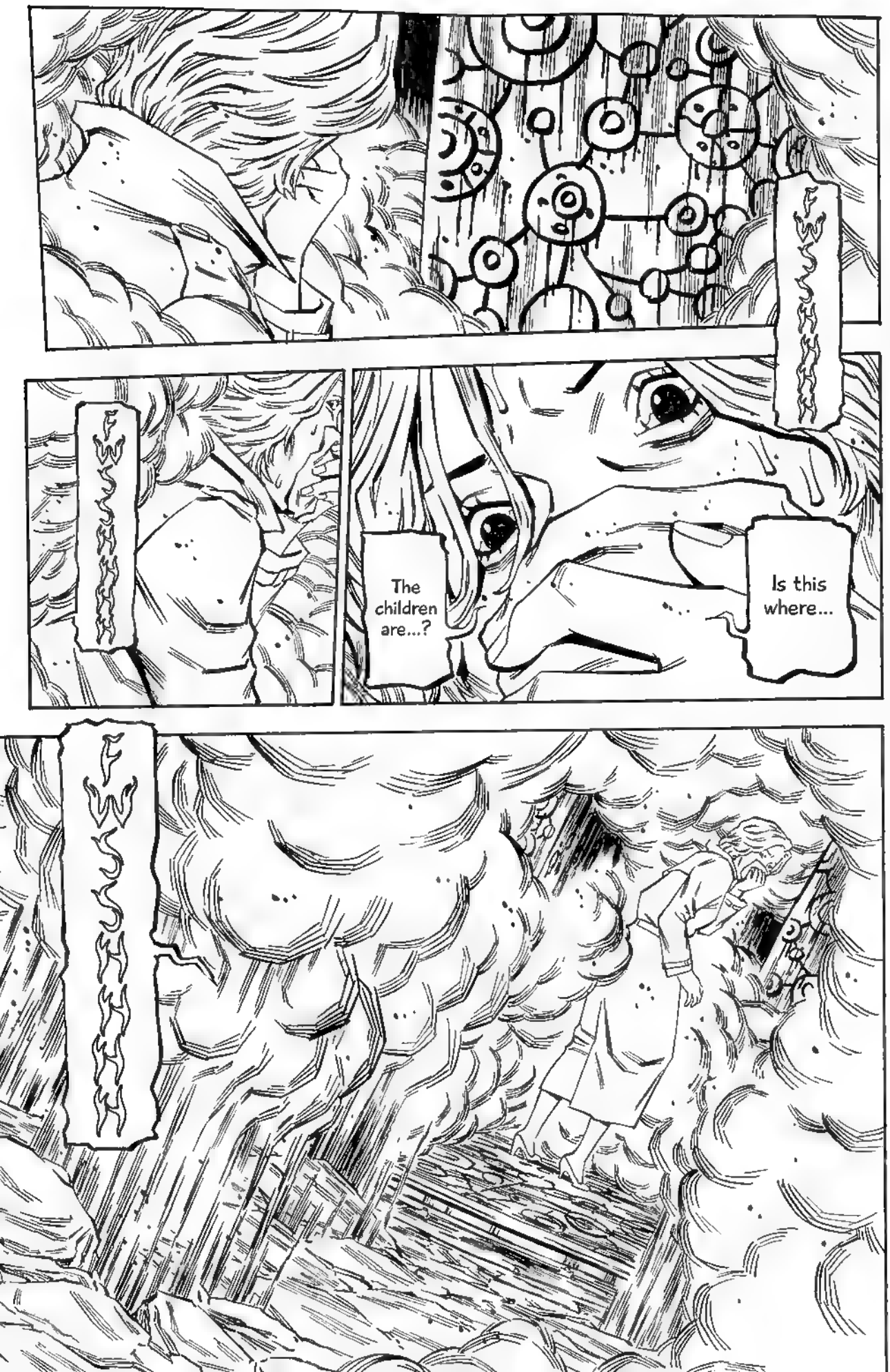
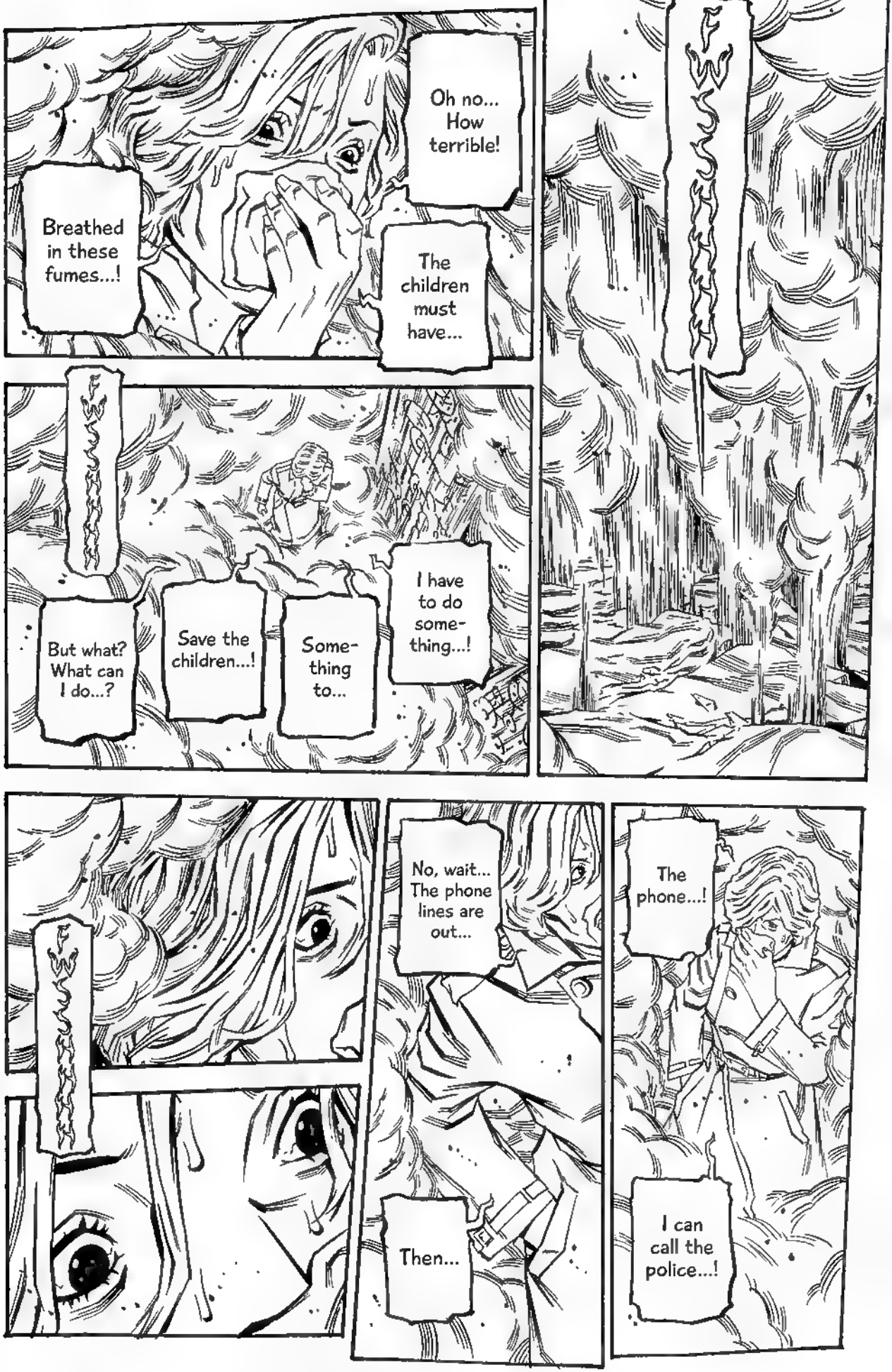
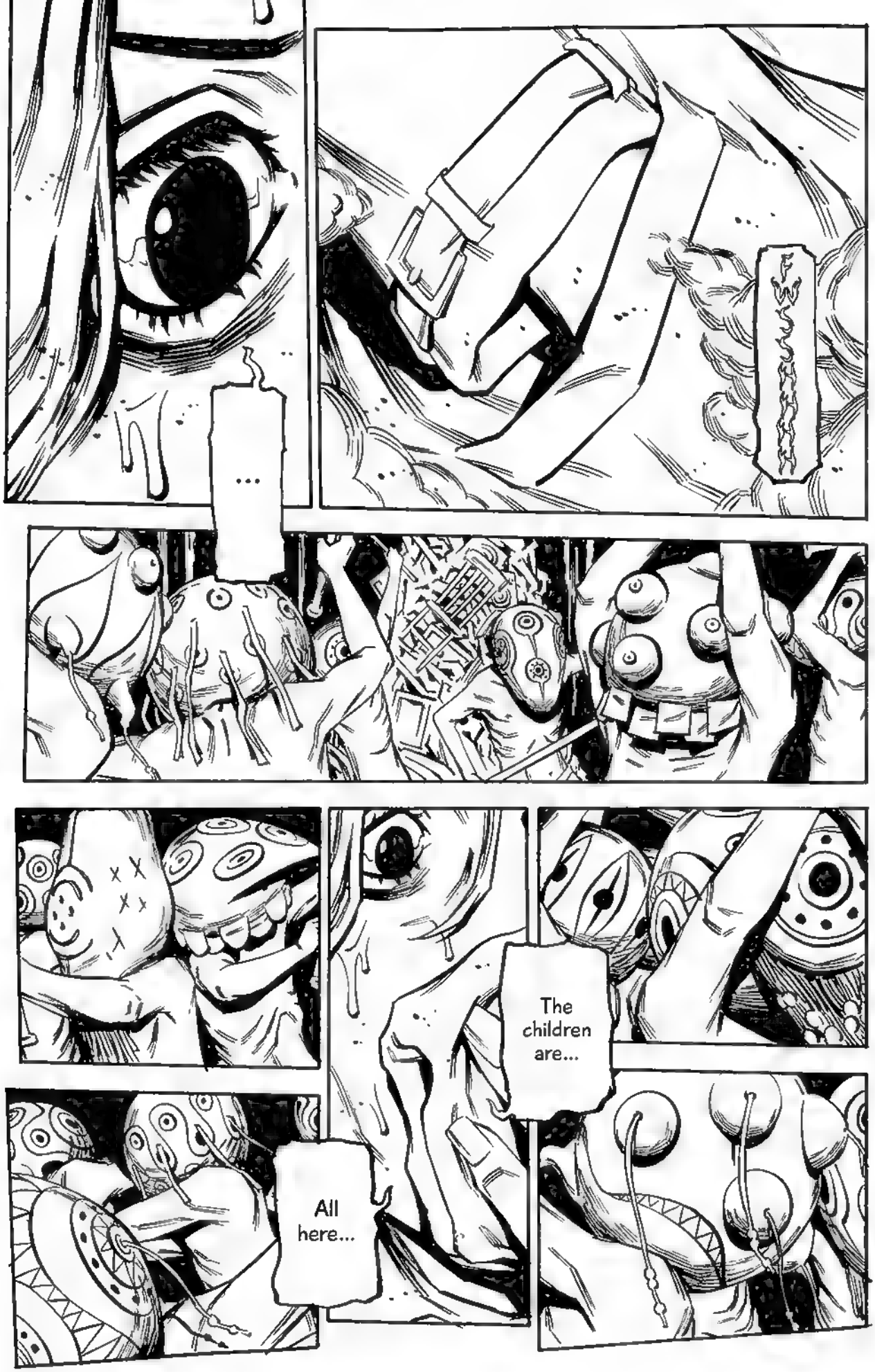
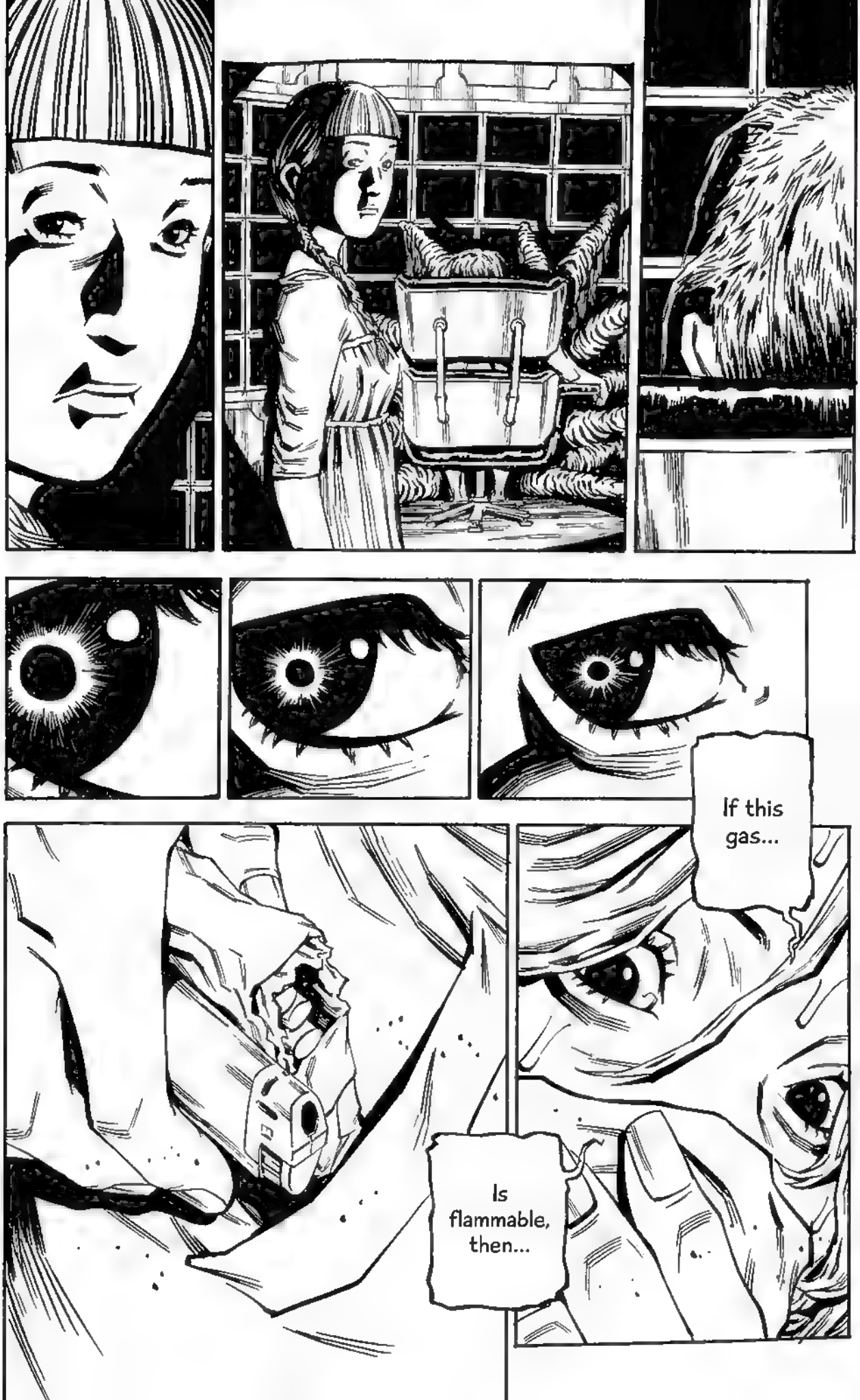

BUMP
!!

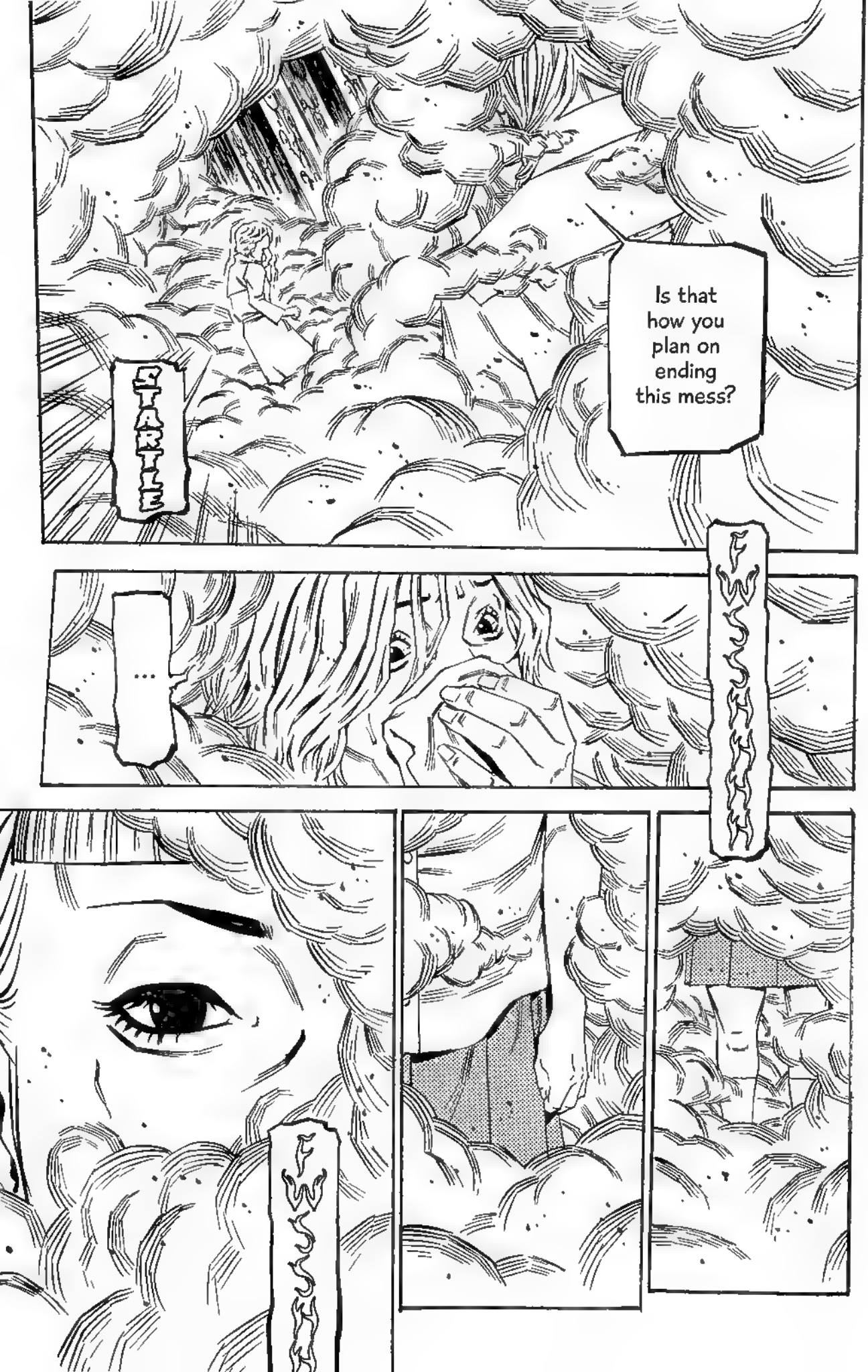

Ugh...
Urr ghhh!


Is this where...
The children are...?


Oh no... How terrible!
Breathed in these fumes...!
The children must have...
FWOOSH
I have to do some-thing...!
Some-thing to...
Save the children...!
But what? What can I do...?
FWOOSH
The phone...!
No, wait... The phone lines are out...
I can call the police...!
Then...
FWOOSH

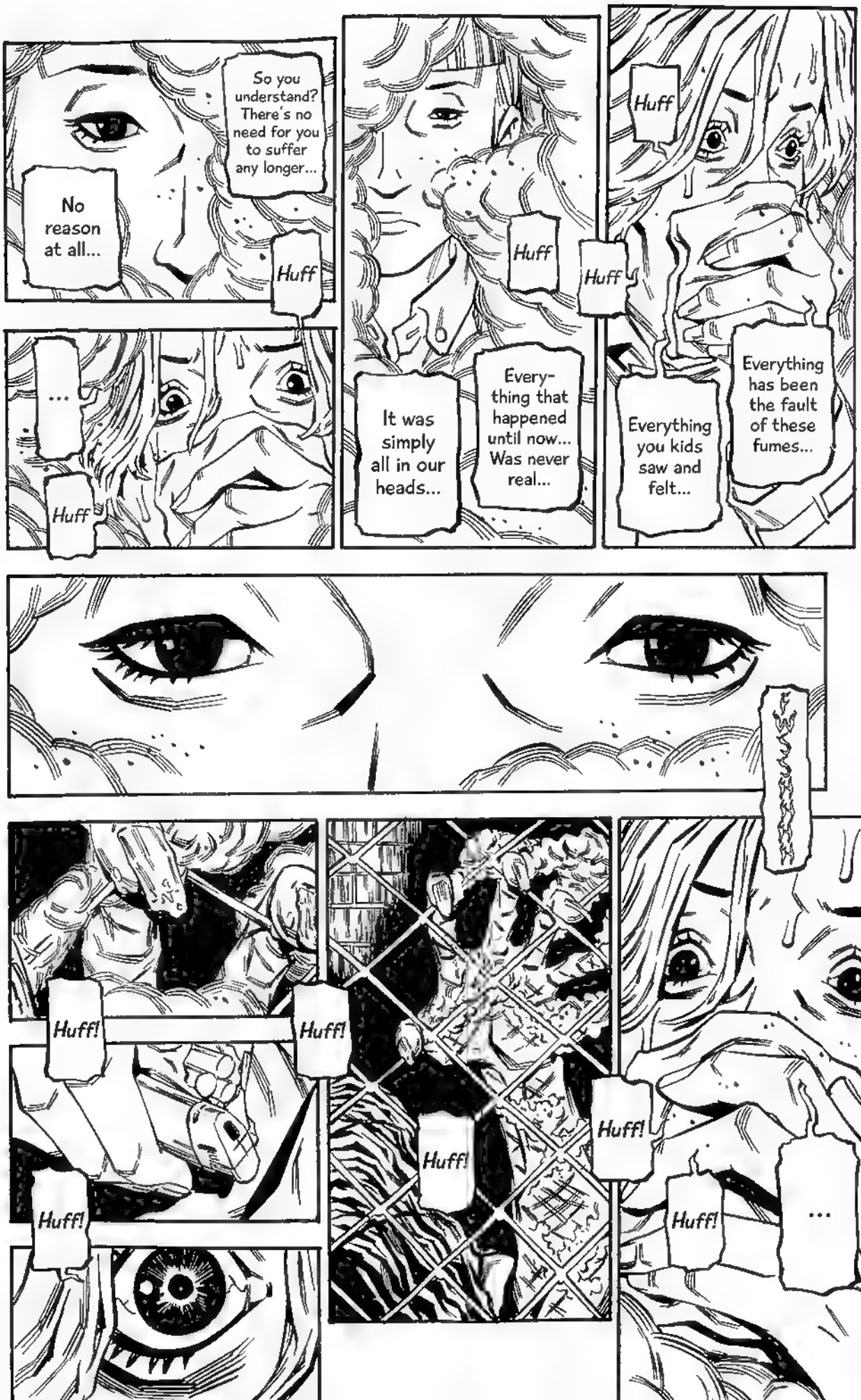

...
The children are...
All here...


If this gas...
Is flammable, then...

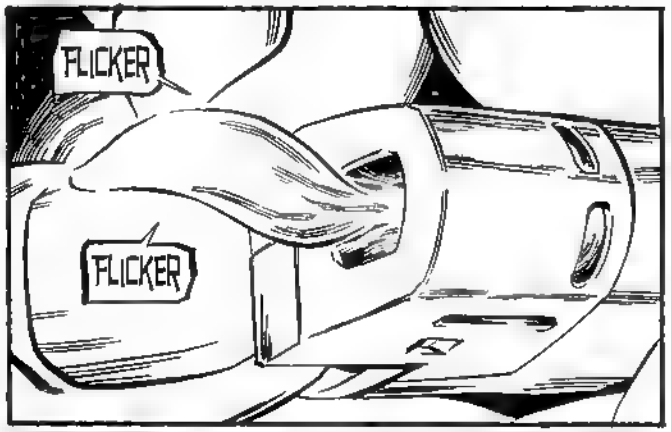

Is that how you plan on ending this mess?
STARTLE
...
FWWWWW
FWW
FWWWWW

If we were all gotten rid of?
You think you can protect your secret,
FWUHHH

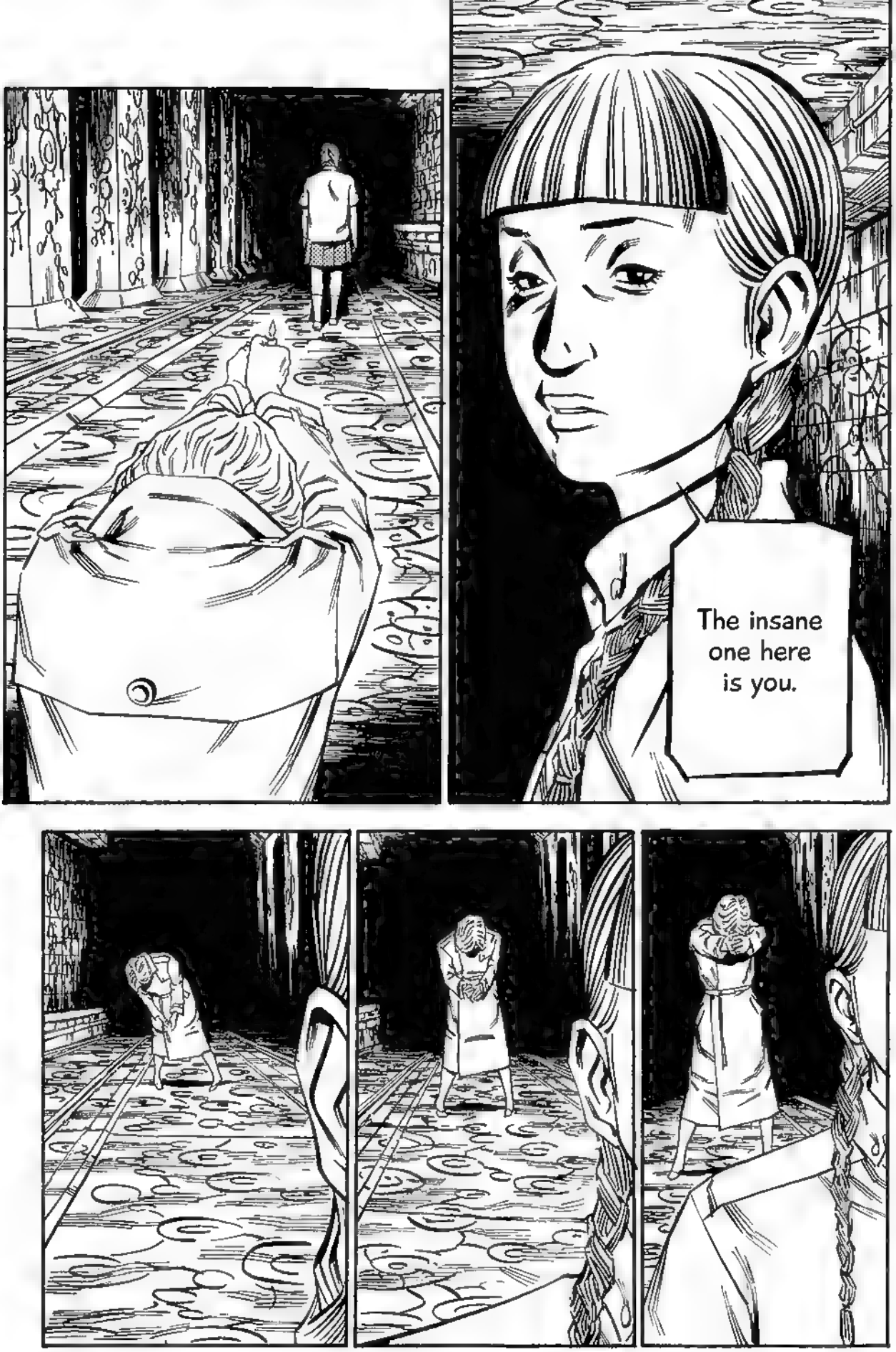
...
Huff
Huff
Aren't you affected by all this gas too?
How can you stand just fine?
Where are the others...? Are they here?
Kataoka...
...
Huff
This town was built by first burying that garbage dump below... But it's leaking to the surface now...
Huff
Before this town was built, there was an industrial waste disposal dump here.
Huff
Kataoka... Please listen to me...
Huff
Huff
Huff
The fumes are what's affecting your minds...
It's driving all of us insane...
All the toxic fumes from the waste are seeping above...
Huff
You can see it, can't you?
Huff
Huff

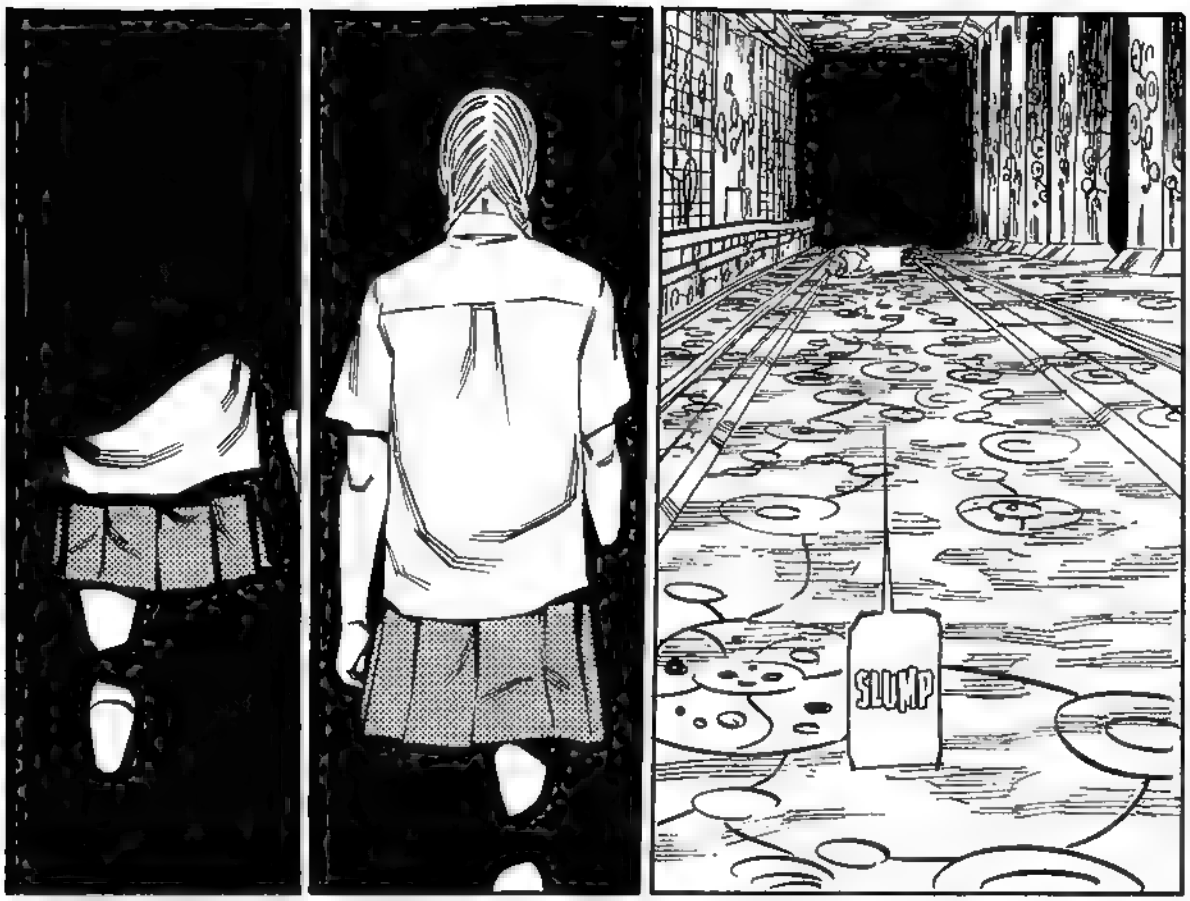

So you understand? There's no need for you to suffer any longer...
No reason at all...
Huff
...
Huff
Huff
Huff
It was simply all in our heads...
Every-thing that happened until now... Was never real...
Huff
Everything you kids saw and felt...
Everything has been the fault of these fumes...
FWOOOSH
Huff!
Huff!
Huff!
Huff!
Huff!
Huff!
...

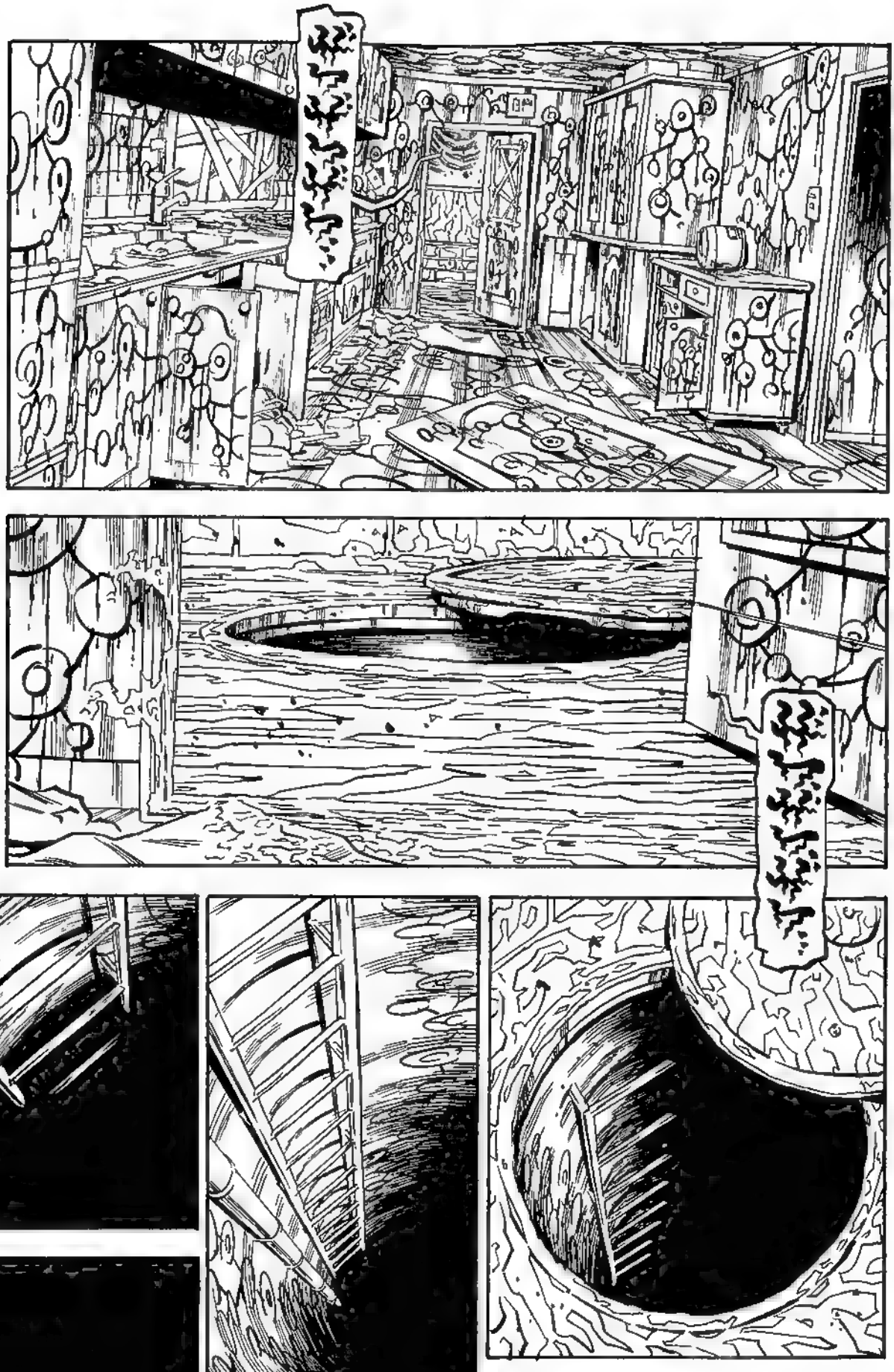
Huff!
Huff!
Huff!
Huff!
Huff!
Huff!
Ahhh...
...
Agh hhh...
AGHHHH!
FLICK!

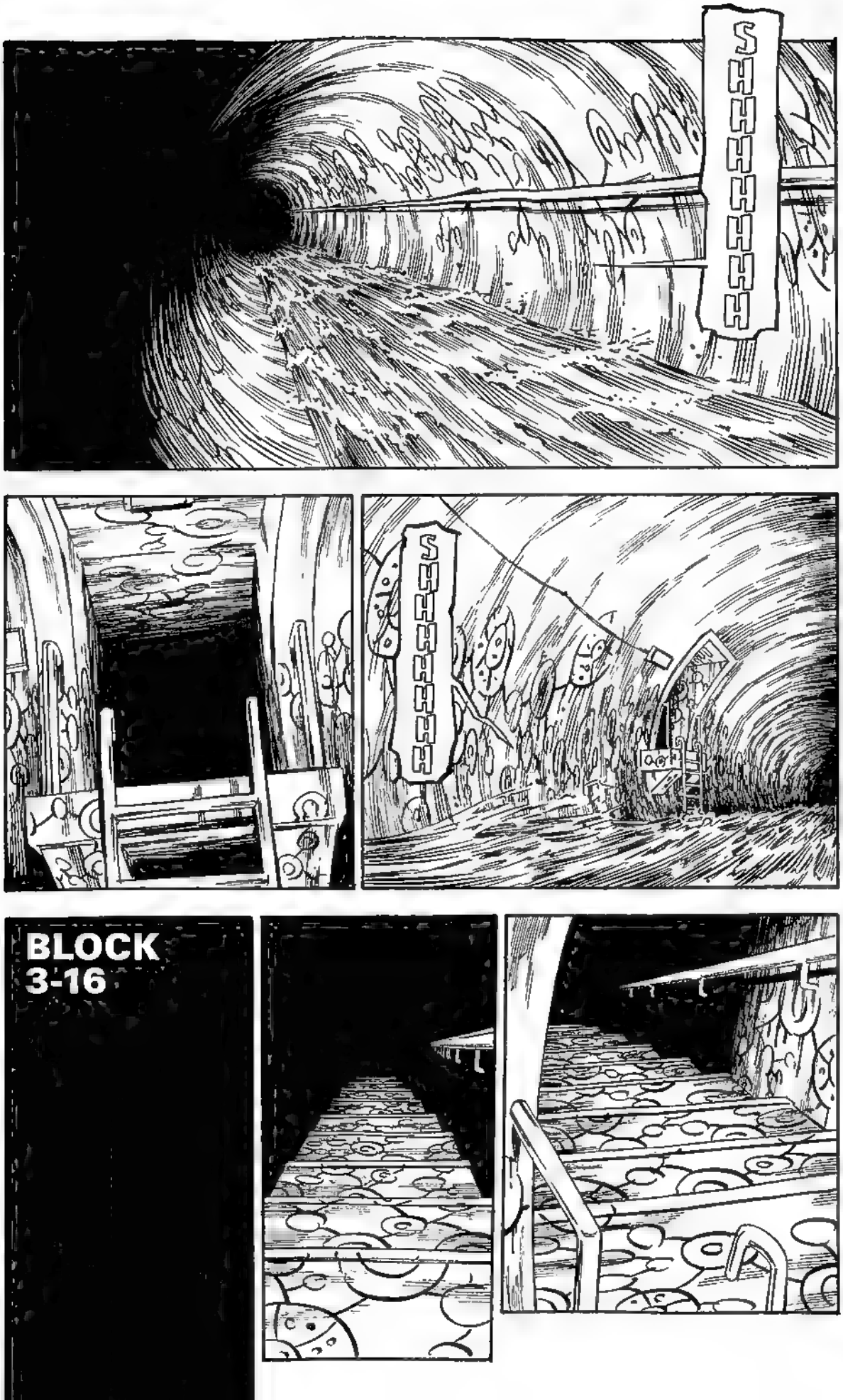

FLICKER
FLICKER

FLICKER
FLICKER
FLICKER


The insane one here is you.

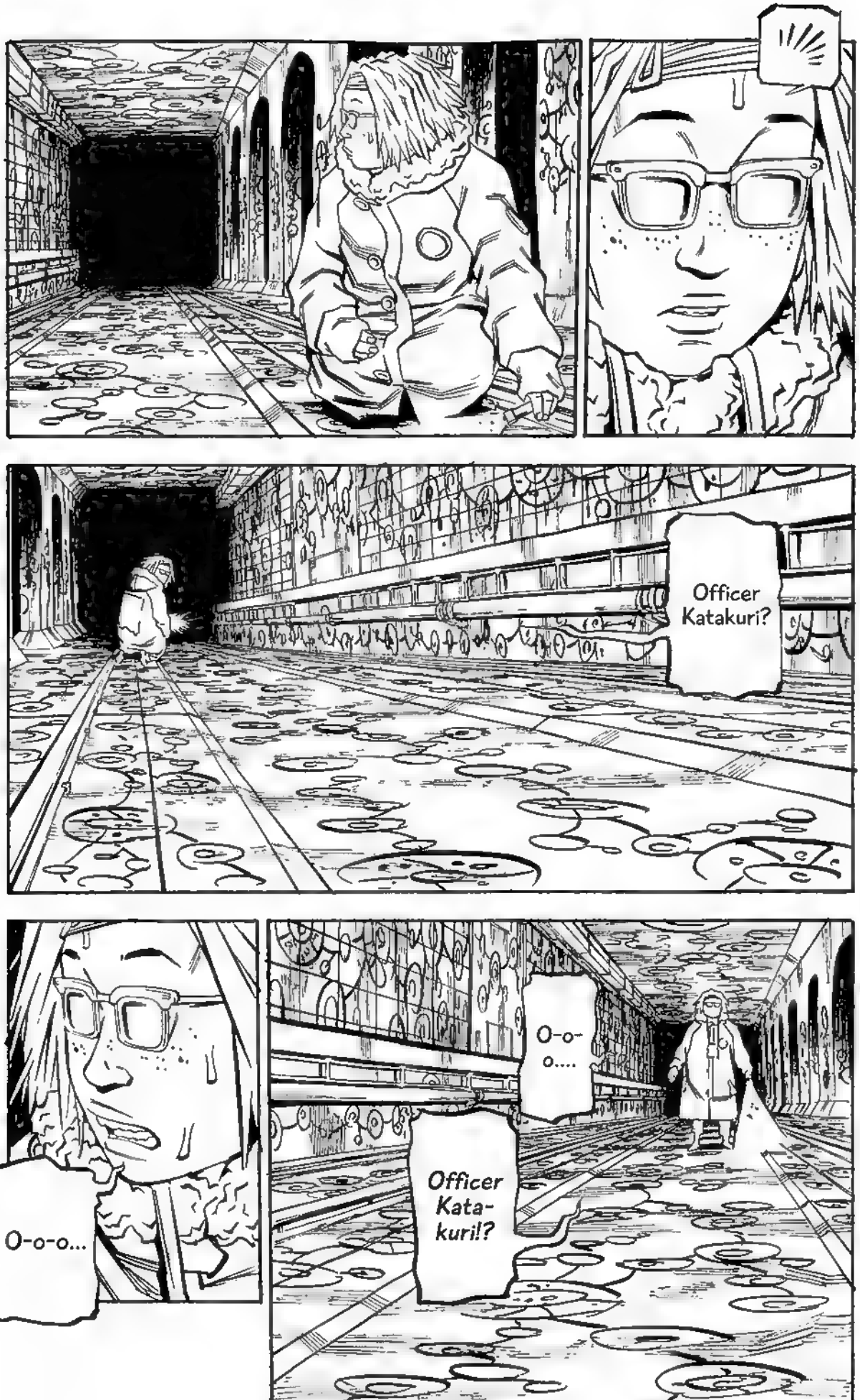

SLUMP



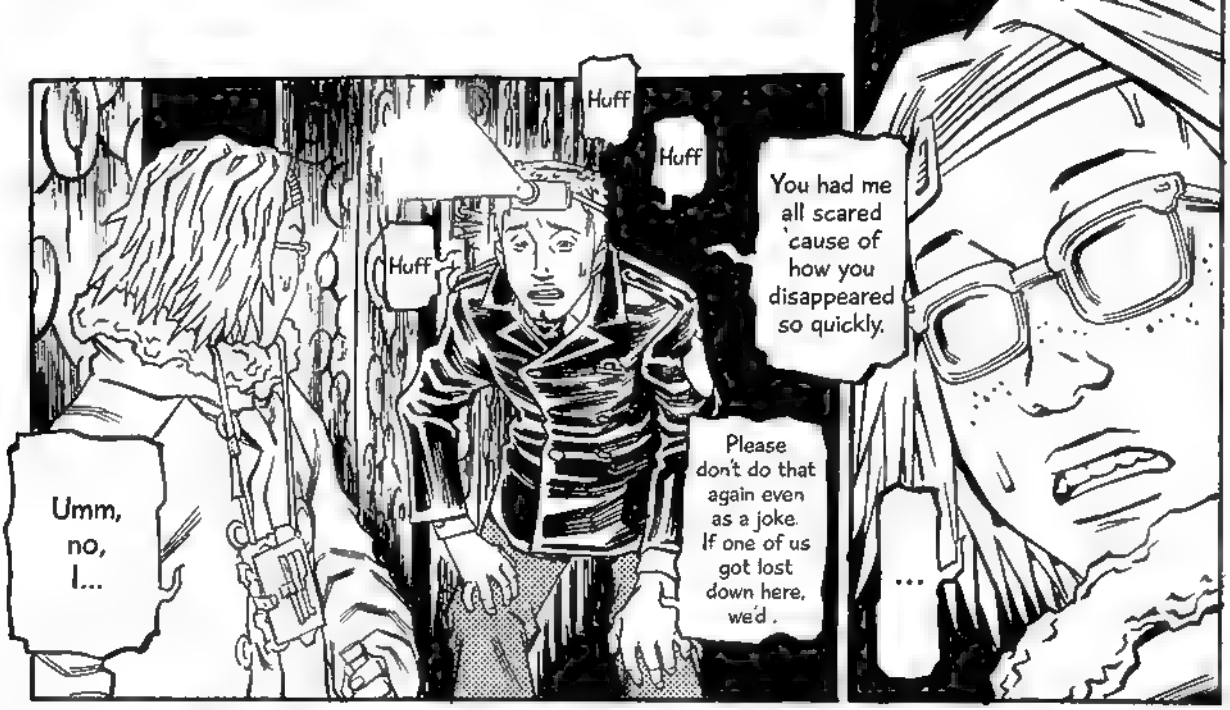

SHHHHHH
SHHHHHH
BLOCK
3-16

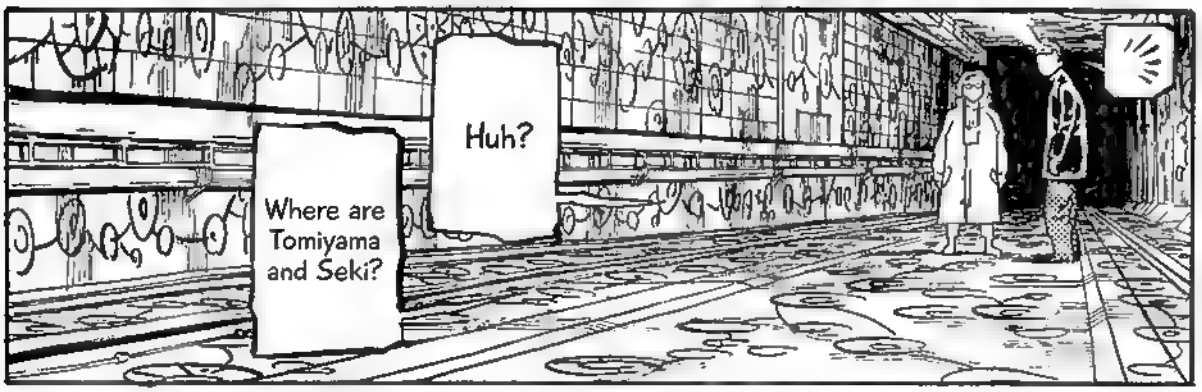
a-a-all this...?
W-w-w.... W-w-what is...
T-t-to think this huge space was right below us all this time...
Seems so...
S.. So the kids were using this to secretly get in and out of the Town Council President's home?

I told you I paid 50,000 yen for it!
Who cares? It's just 5 yen.
WHERE'D IT GO!?
M-M-MY FIVE YEN COIN!
T-t-then that means this place is...
T.. There are rails running along here...
Huh?

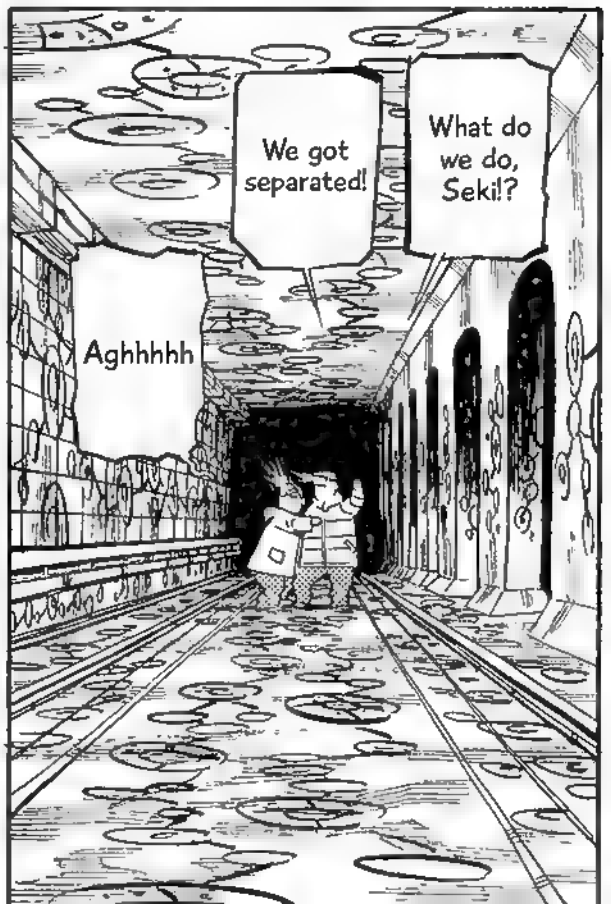

Officer Katakuri?
O-o-o...
O-o-o....
Officer Kata-kuri!?

ONO-DAAAA!
WHERE ARE YOU!?
OFFICER ONODAAA!
!?
H-H-HERE...!
O-O-O...
I'M... I'M OVER HERE!
O-OFFICER KATAKURI!
TURN
Huff
Huff
Huff
Whew... Found you at last...


Huff
Huff
Huff
You had me all scared 'cause of how you disappeared so quickly.
Please don't do that again even as a joke. If one of us got lost down here, we'd.
Umm, no, I...
...

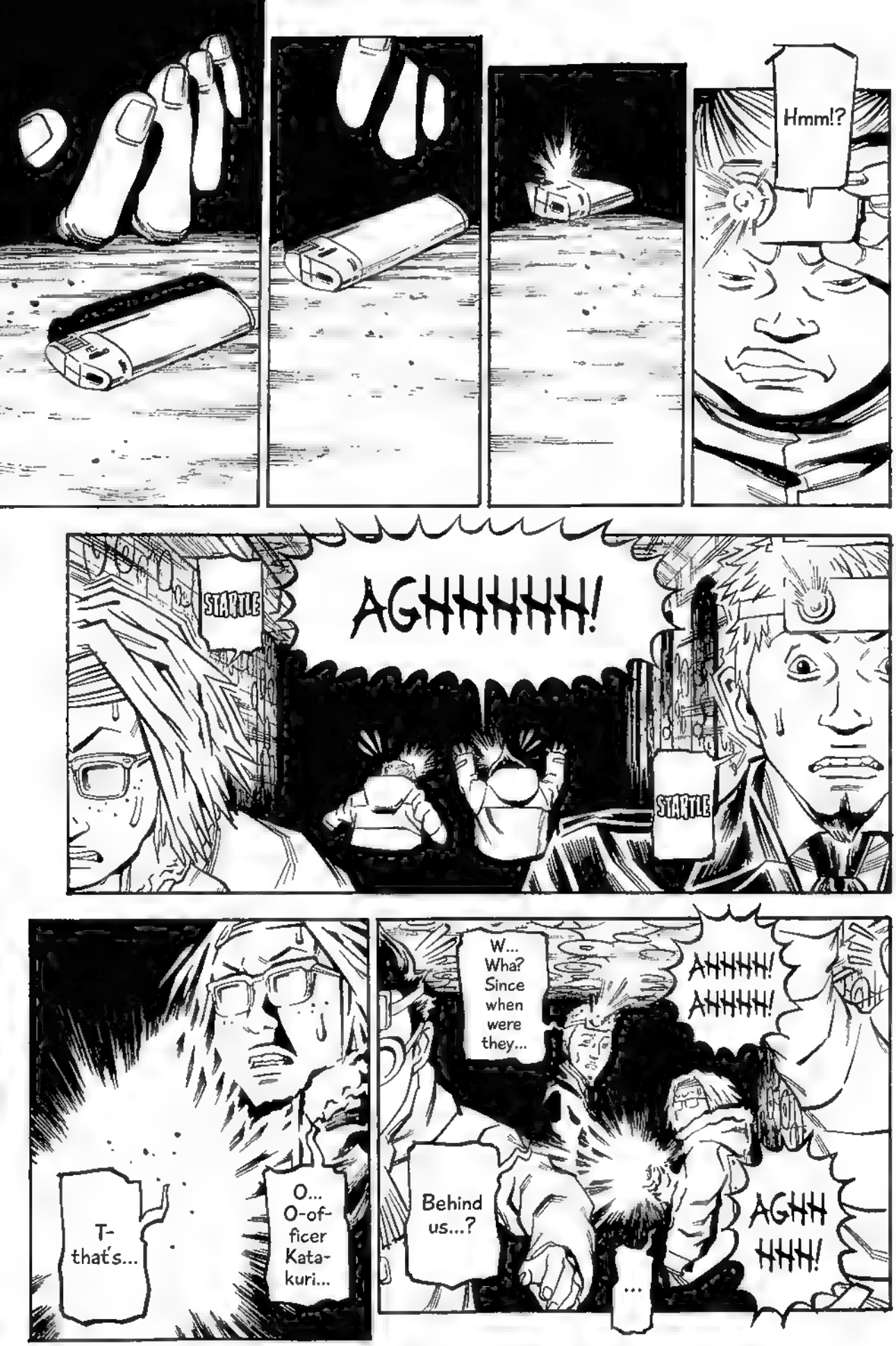

Huh?
Where are Tomiyama and Seki?

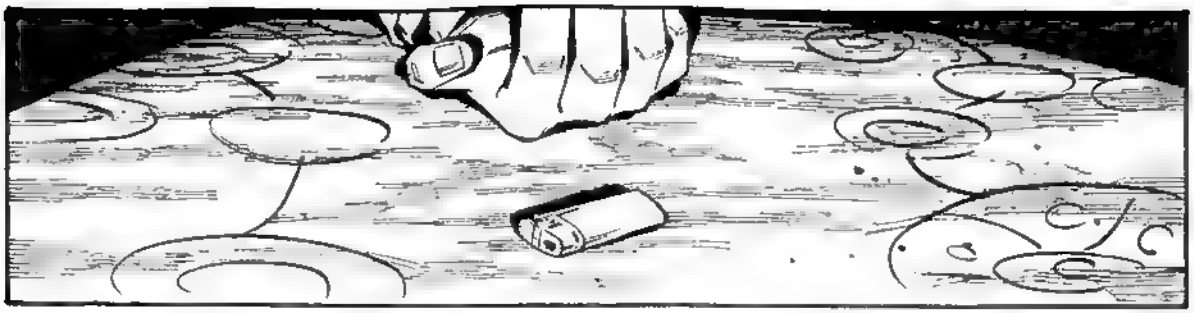
B-b-but... Weren't they in front of us just now...?

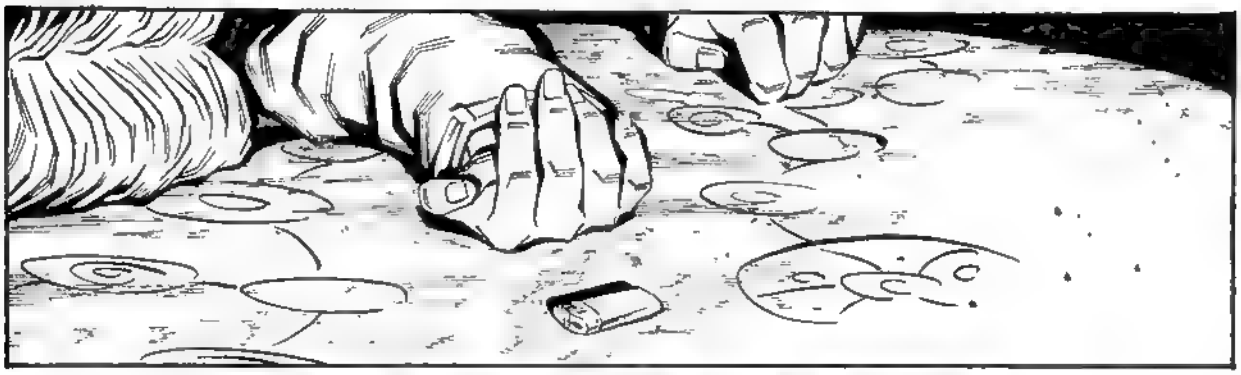

What do we do, Seki!?
We got separated!
Aghhhhh

This is all your fault for being so stubborn over a measly 5 yen coin!
You cheap-skate!
I... I already told you that it's not about...

HEY WAIT! WAIT UP!
THERE IT IS! MY 5 YEN- NO, I MEAN 50,000 YEN!
Hm?
Hm!?
What the hell! It's just a stupid school nametag!
Tight-wad!
Hm?

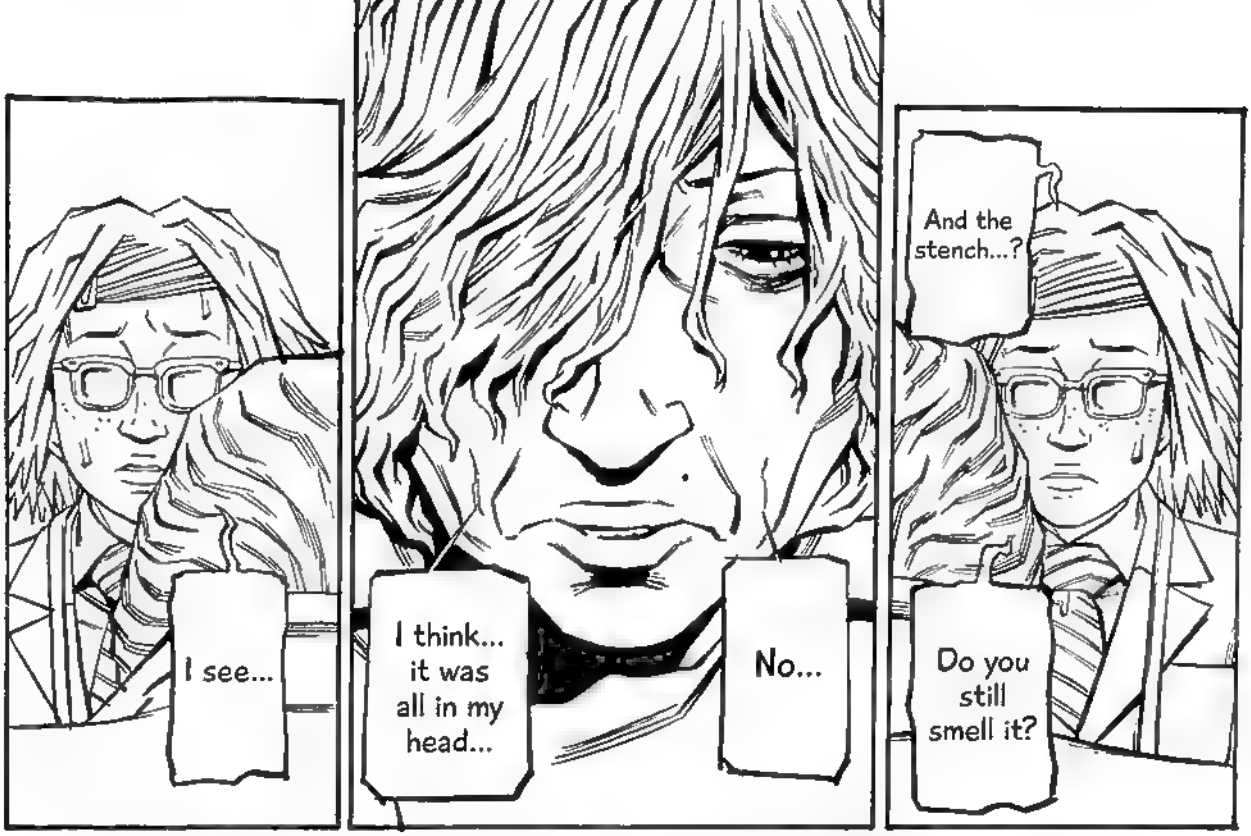

Hmm!?
STARTLE
AGHHHHH!
STARTLE
T-that's...
O... O-officer Katakuri...
W... Wha? Since when were they...
AHHHH! AHHHH!
Behind us...?
...
AGHH HHH!

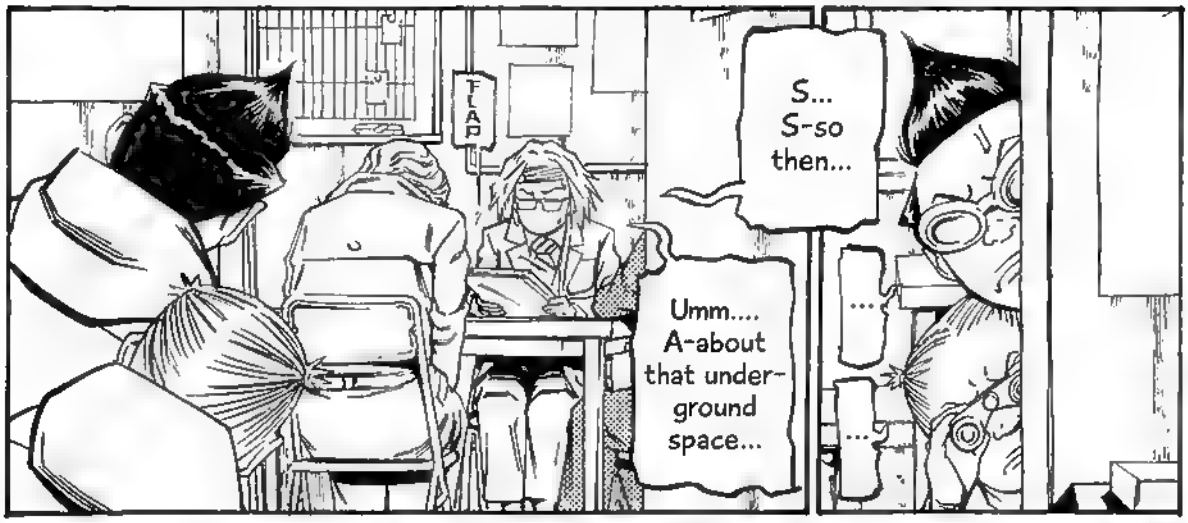


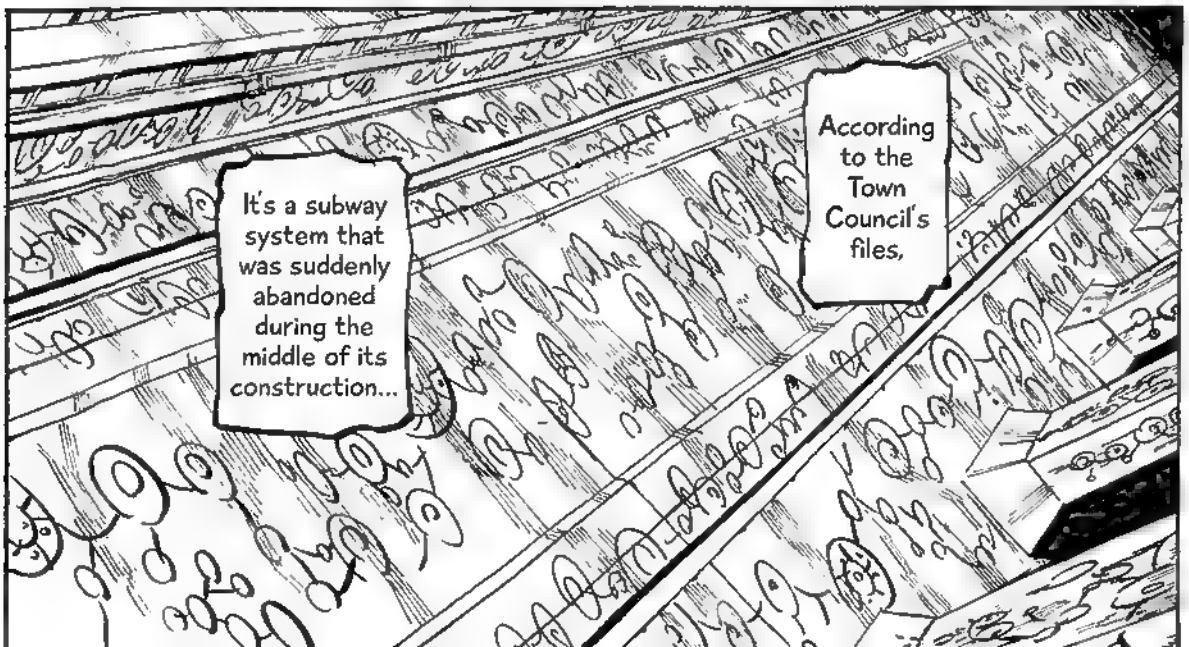


[Paradise]

W... What were you doing down there...?
...
But I... can't quite remember...
I'm sorry...


I see...
I think... it was all in my head...
No...
And the stench...?
Do you still smell it?

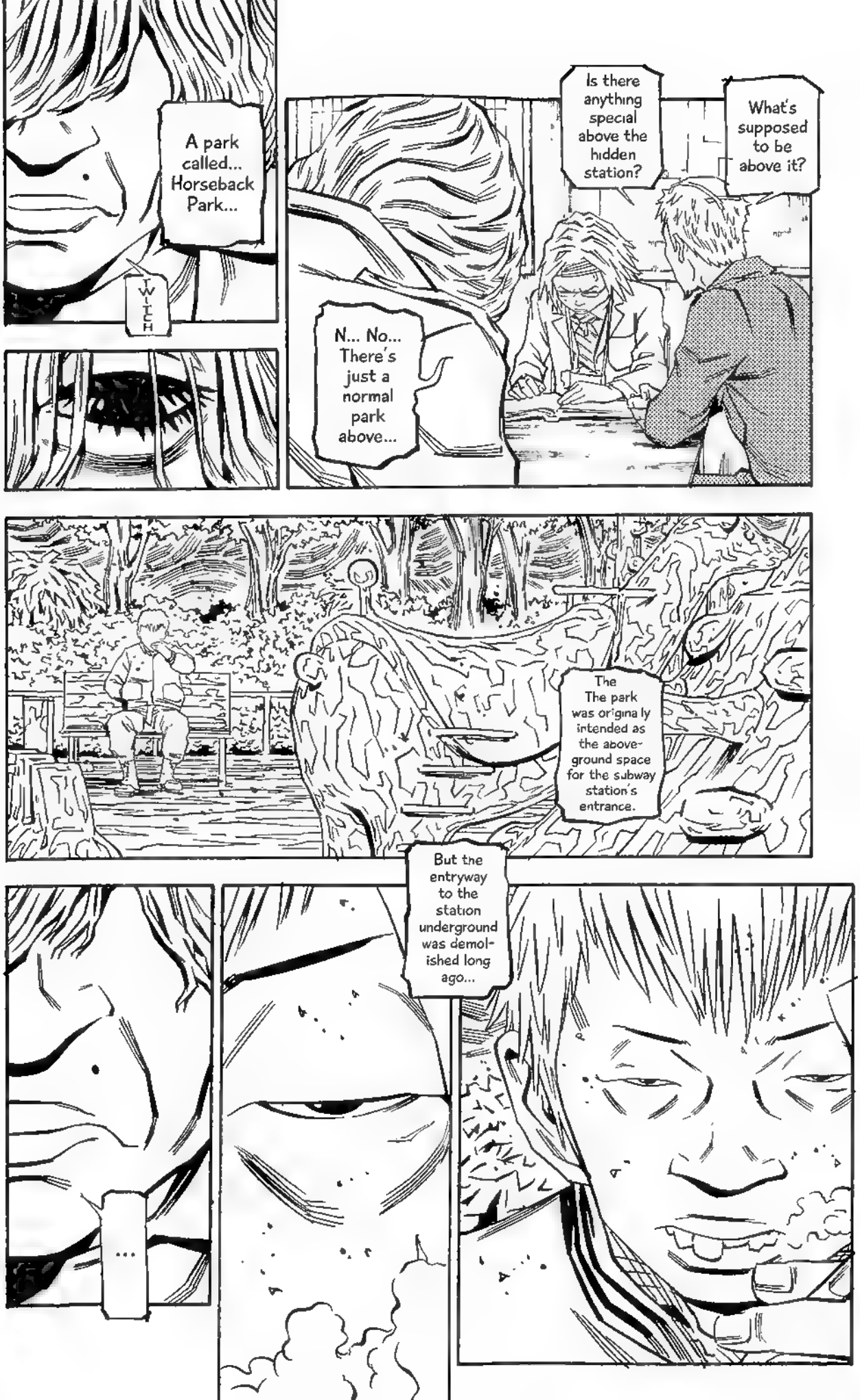

FLAP
S... S-so then...
Umm.... A-about that underground space...
...
...

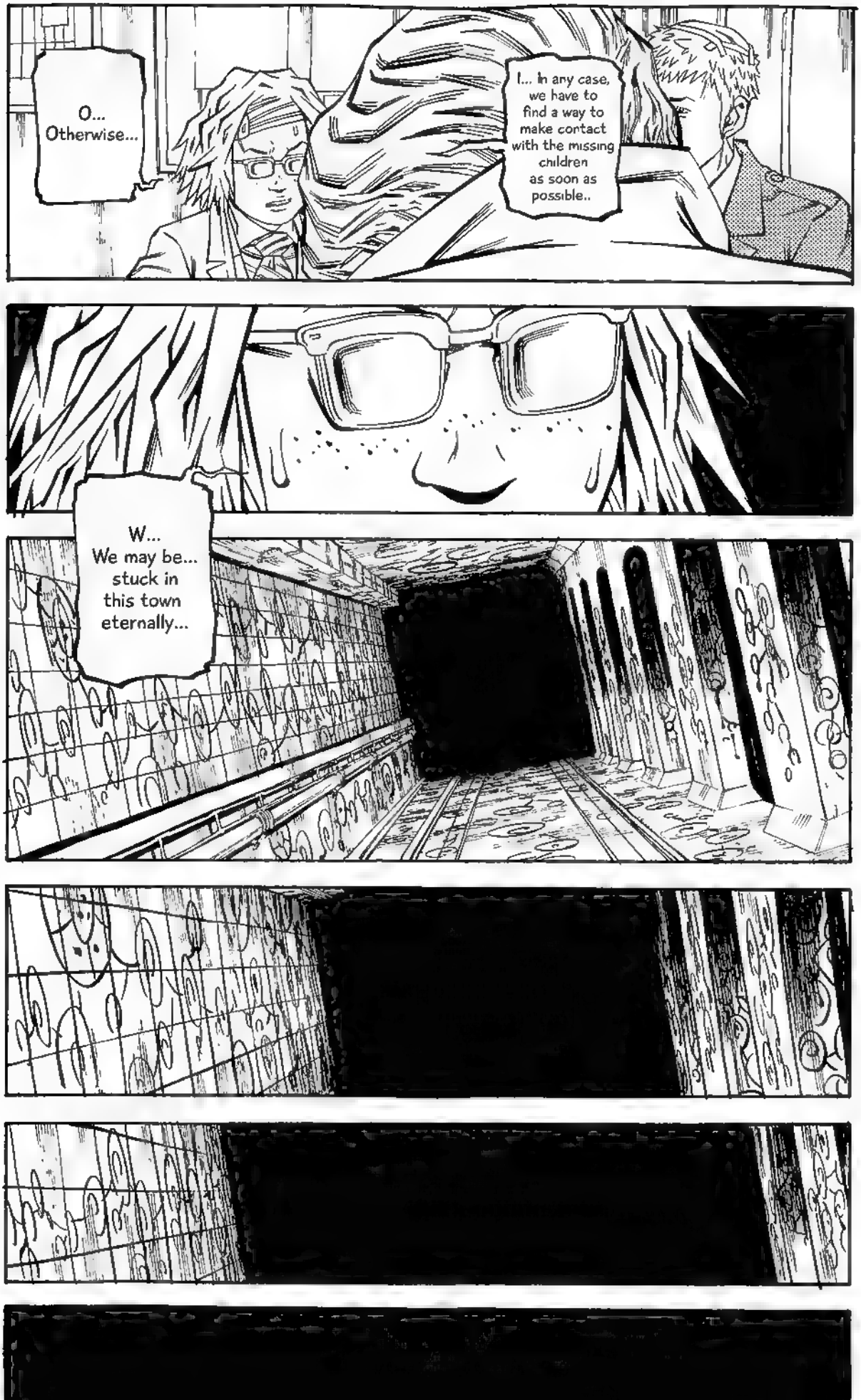

It's a subway system that was suddenly abandoned during the middle of its construction...
According to the Town Council's files,

The c-collapse of the.. Bubble economy led to its abandonment during construction..
S-supposedly, it was going to connect the hospital to the shopping and business districts, but...
To make their secret escape from the Town Council President's house...
A-as of now... It seems the children used it,
T-There's a possibility that they might still be hiding down there...
TAP
M... M-moreover...
...
B... but there's still one point,
That I can't seem to explain...
2nd year, Class C
Kataoka Misa

And... According to these files...
T-there was only one station built...
S-s-since the subway's construc-tion was abandoned relatively early ..
The tunnel isn't exactly all that big...
But we somehow couldn't reach it no matter how far we walked...
Umm... T-that's really just making the explanation more con-voluted...
And tney've used it to hide the station away from us!
With their ESP!
It's the aliens who're control-ling the children!
In short!

T-to prevent any of us from entering...
The space down there has been warped...
B... Basically.. As with the case of the Town Council President's home...
...
Again, huh...
Even having found out their whereabouts, we adults are powerless to do anything...
I... I-in other words, the children are...
At a station we can't physically reach...

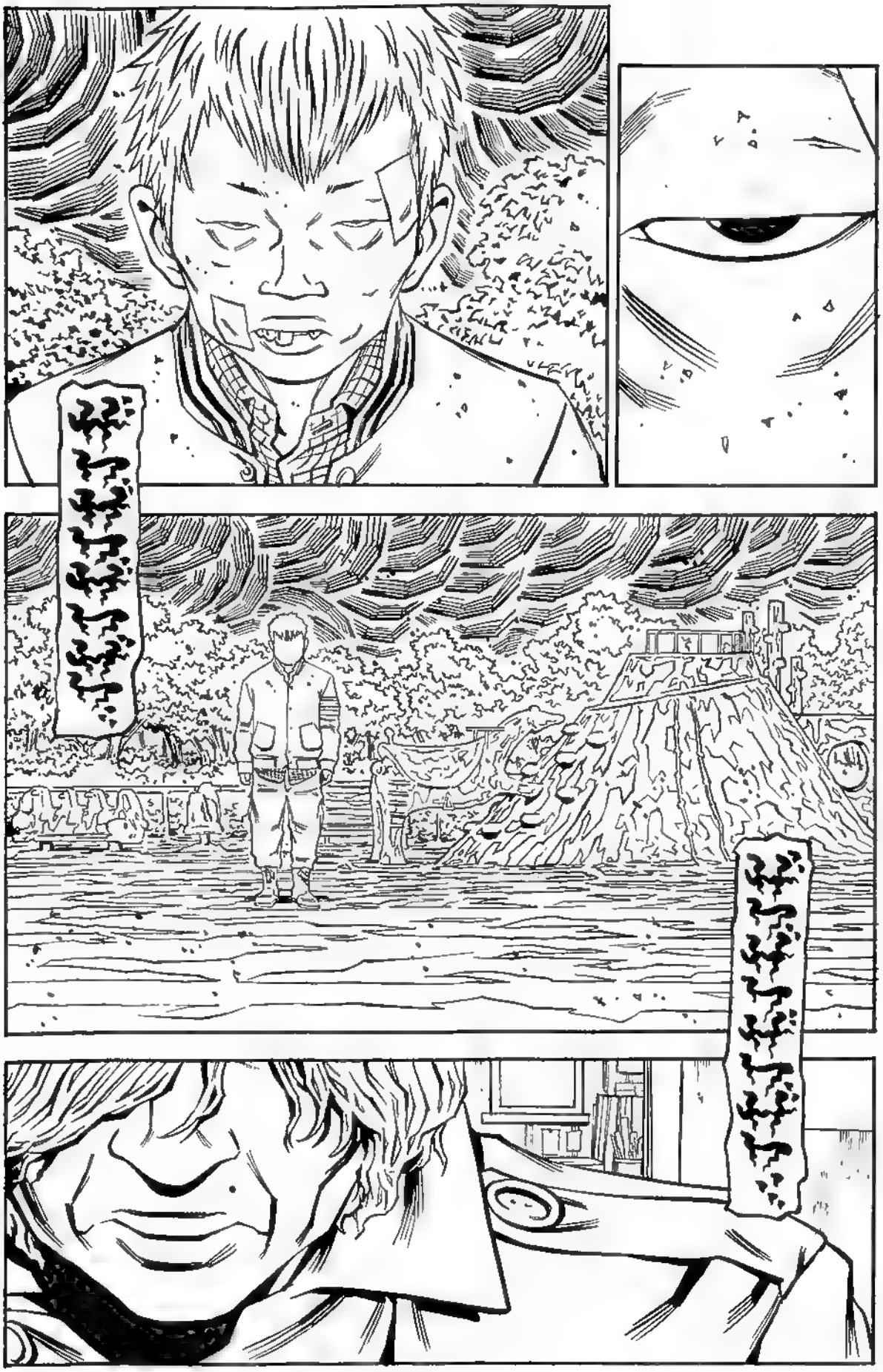

A park called... Horseback Park...
TWITCH
N... No... There's just a normal park above...
Is there anything special above the hidden station?
What's supposed to be above it?
The The park was origina ly intended as the above-ground space for the subway station's entrance.
But the entryway to the station underground was demol-ished long ago...
...

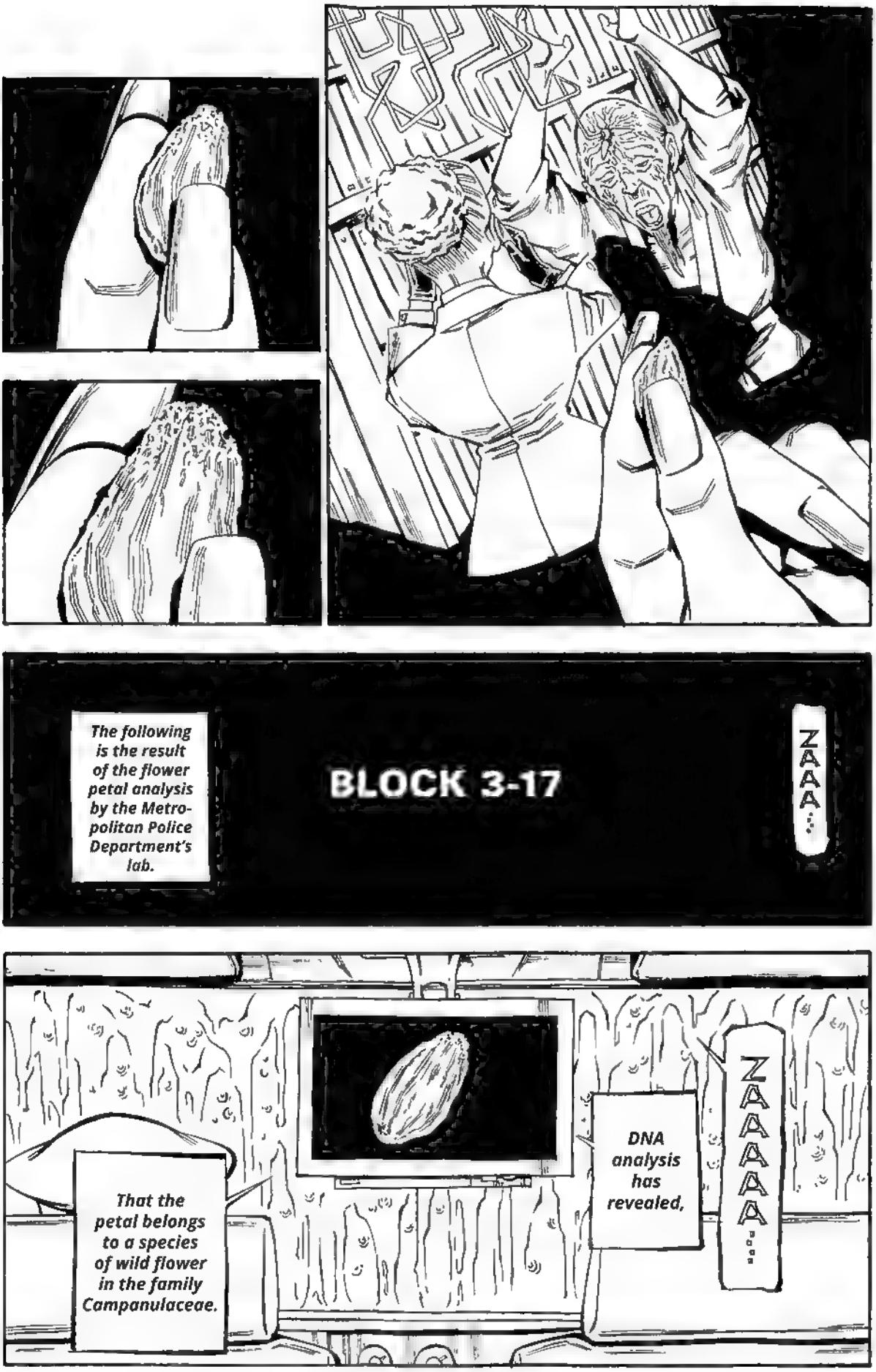

O... Otherwise...
I... In any case, we have to find a way to make contact with the missing children as soon as possible..
W... We may be... stuck in this town eternally...

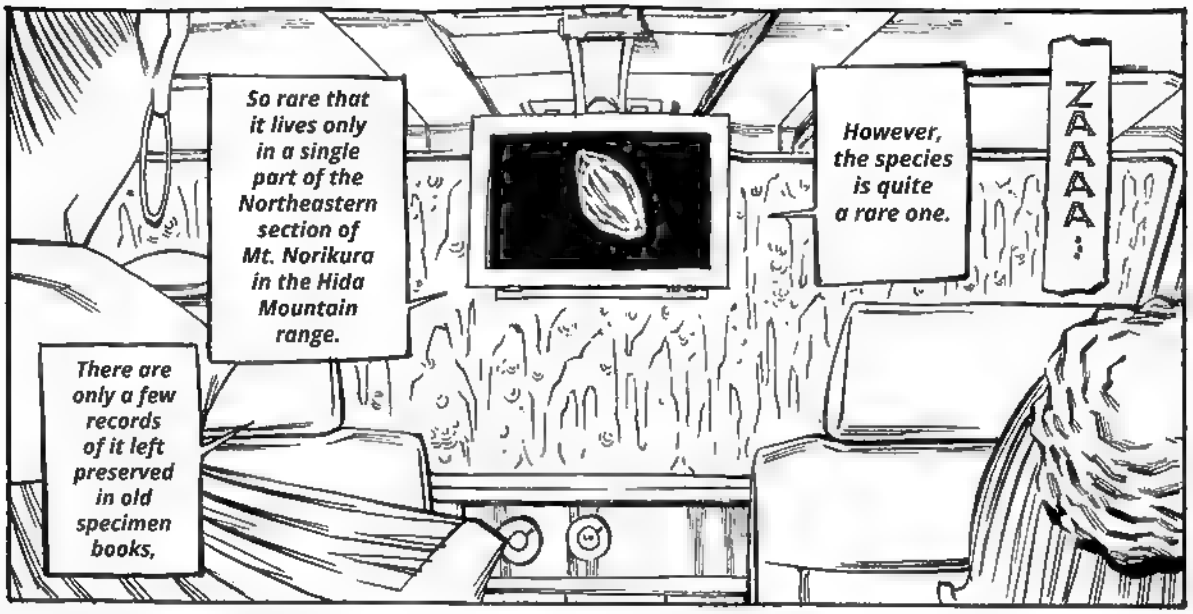
SS
SS
SS
SS
SS
SS
SS
SS

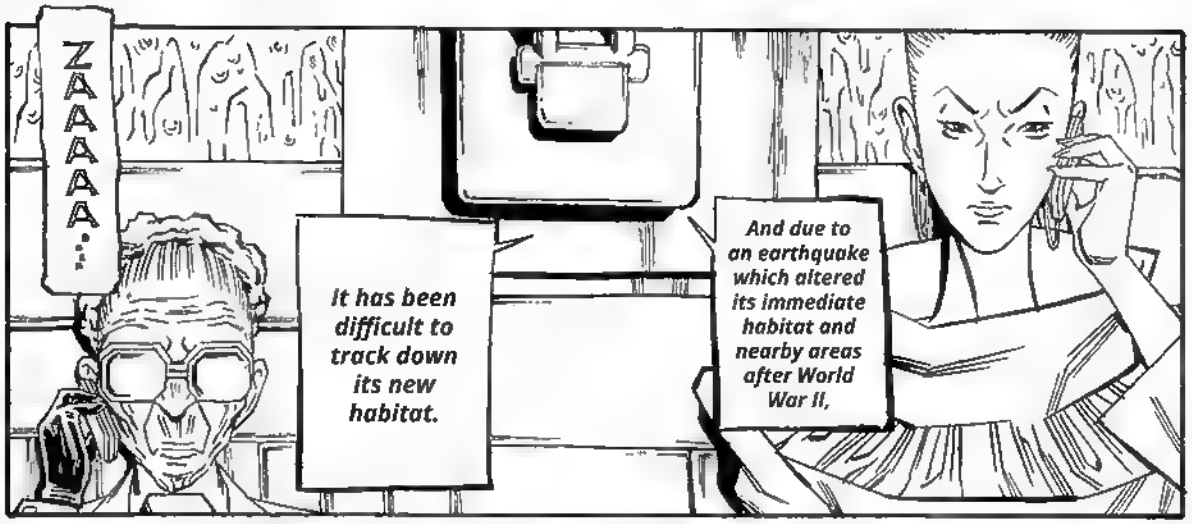
Just when I managed to fall asleep...
Why...?
Mn...
Hey, wake up.
Wake up.
Why not?
I want to stay here forever...
But we can't stay here forever.
It's still coming to crush us all.
The world hasn't changed yet.

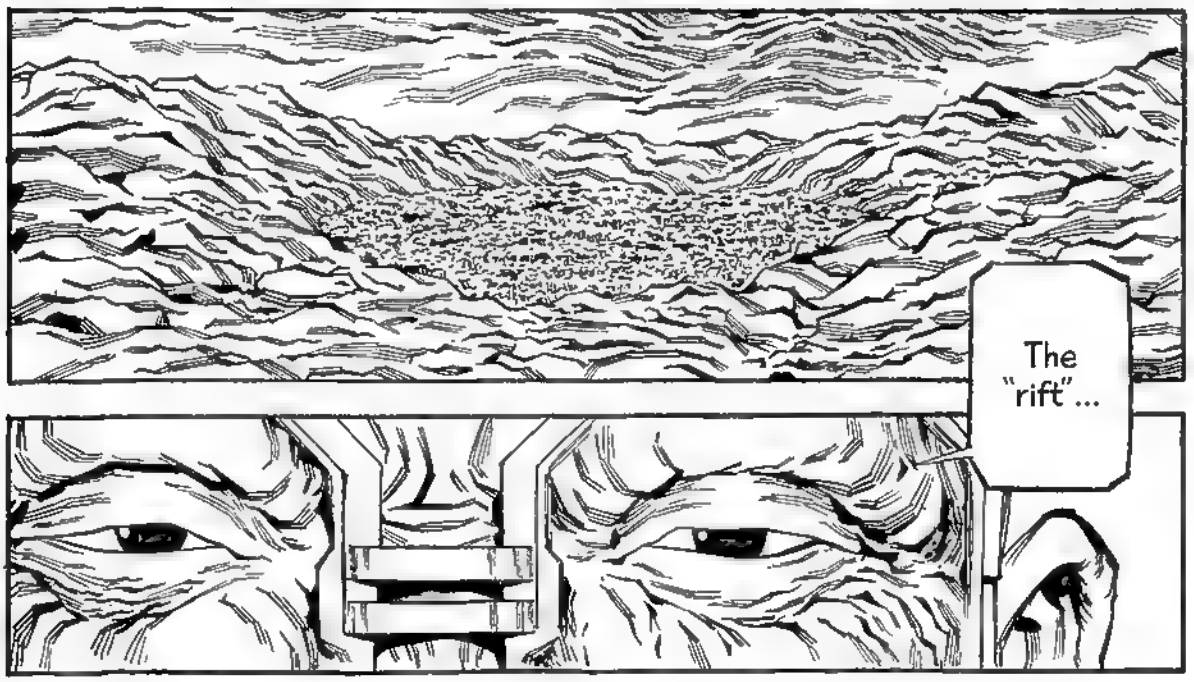
Wake the others up.
That's why we have to wake up.




The following is the result of the flower petal analysis by the Metropolitan Police Department's lab.
BLOCK 3-17
ZAAA...
That the petal belongs to a species of wild flower in the family Campanulaceae.
DNA analysis has revealed,
ZAAAAA...

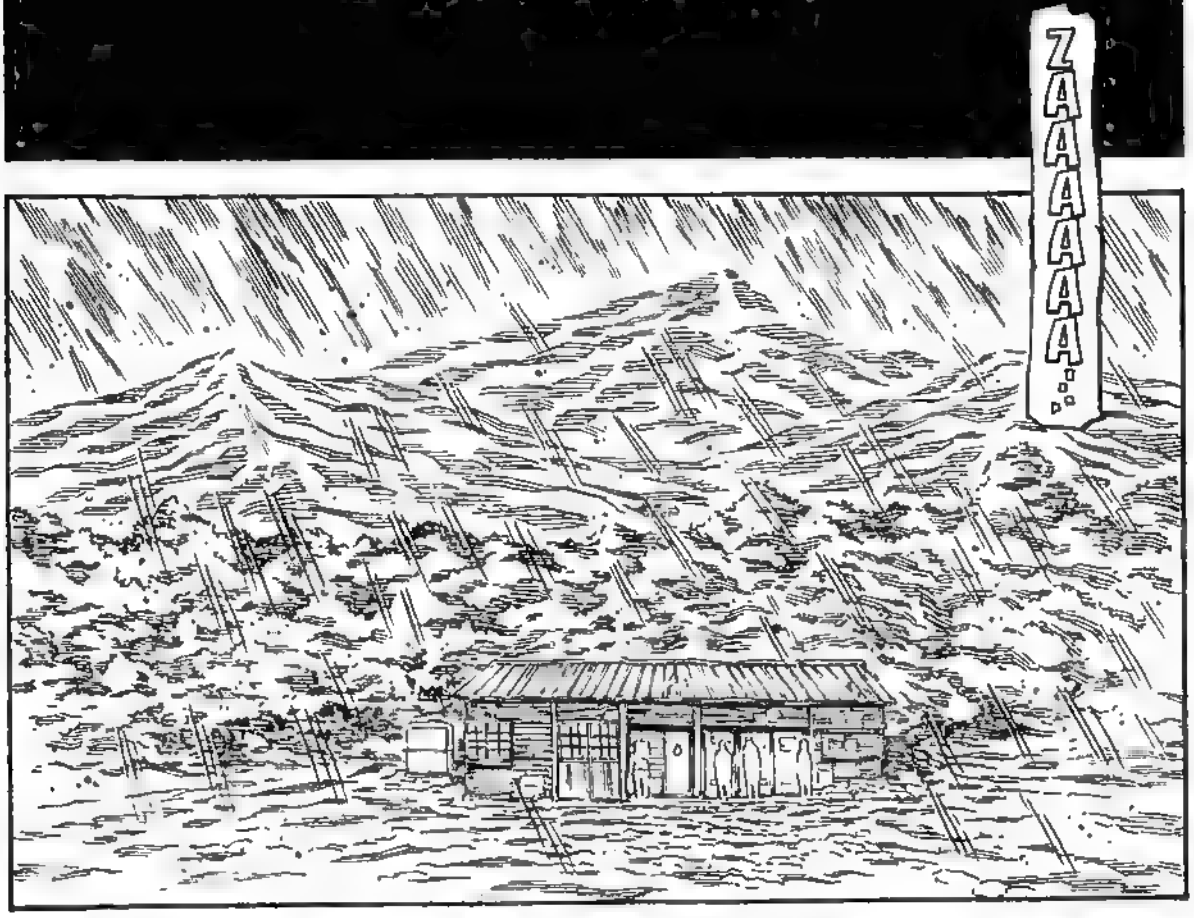

There are only a few records of it left preserved in old specimen books,
So rare that it lives only in a single part of the Northeastern section of Mt. Norikura in the Hida Mountain range.
However, the species is quite a rare one.
ZAAAA...


ZAAAAA...
It has been difficult to track down its new habitat.
And due to an earthquake which altered its immediate habitat and nearby areas after World War II,


The "rift"...

Our priority is to maintain "reality."
"Reality" will be continually invaded as long as the gateway for "foreign bodies" remains intact
In any case, if it does still exist, we cannot leave it be.
ZAAAAAA...
We can take our spoils after that.
ZAAAAAA...
And he will find the place for us.
Yokoi will definitely show up.

[Mt. Norikura]



SSSSSSS
GLUG
GLUG
GLUG
SSSSSSS
ZAAAAAAA...

FWSSHH

FWSSHH

FLAP

FLAP

FLAP

MAP OF TIME

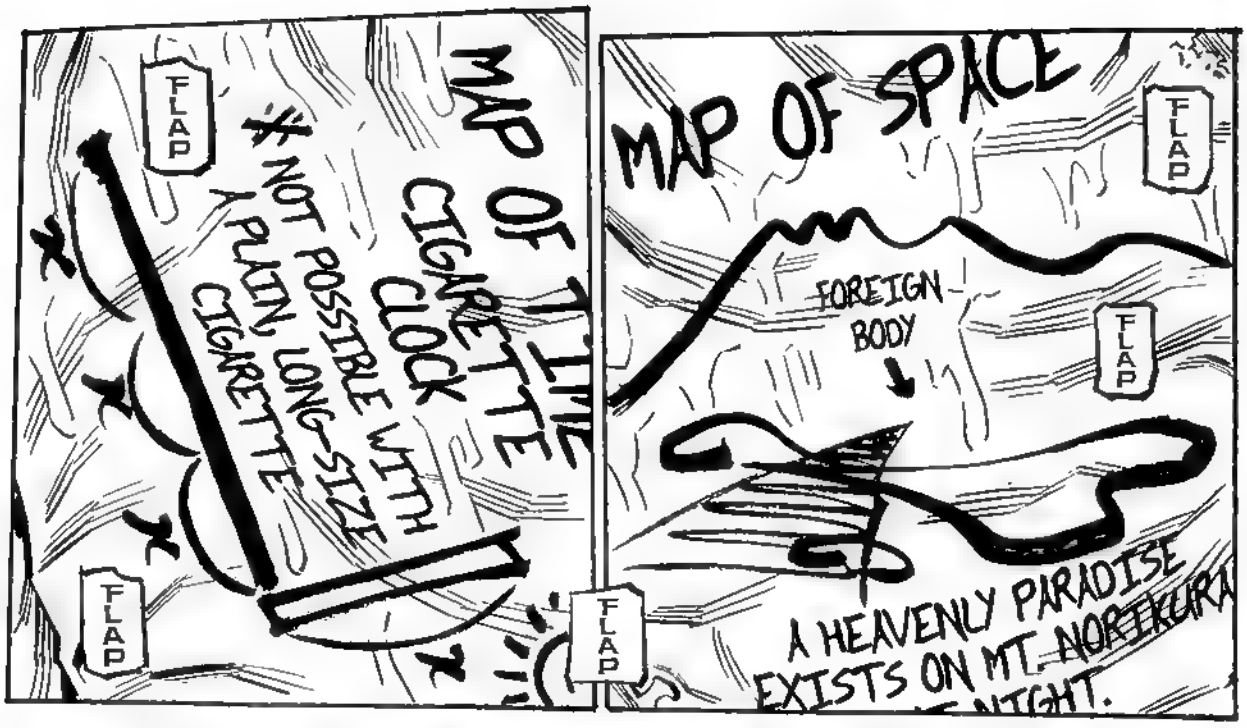
CIGARETTE CLOCK

※NOT POSSIBLE WITH A PLAIN, LONG-SIZE CIGARETTE

MAP OF SPACE

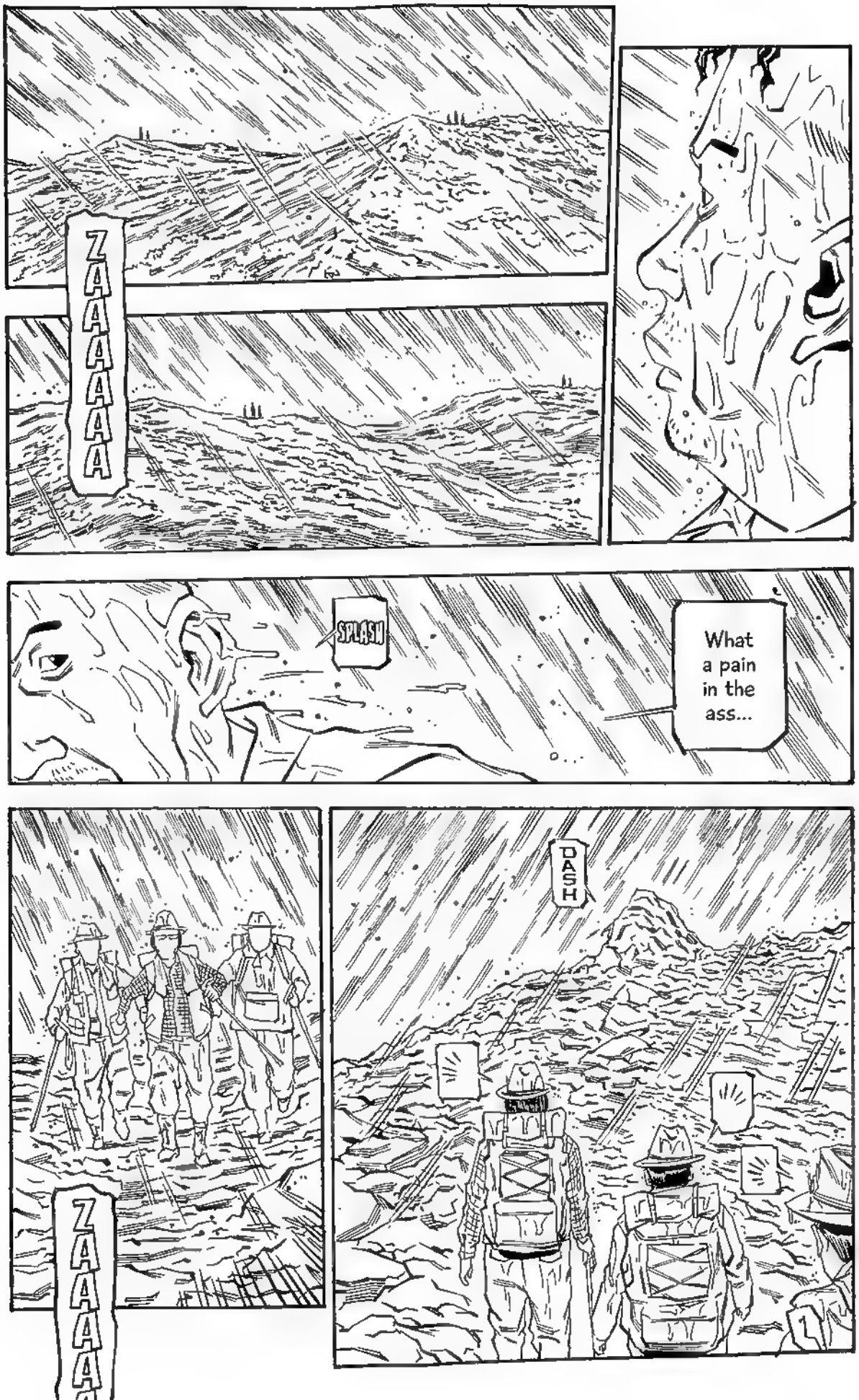
FOREIGN BODY

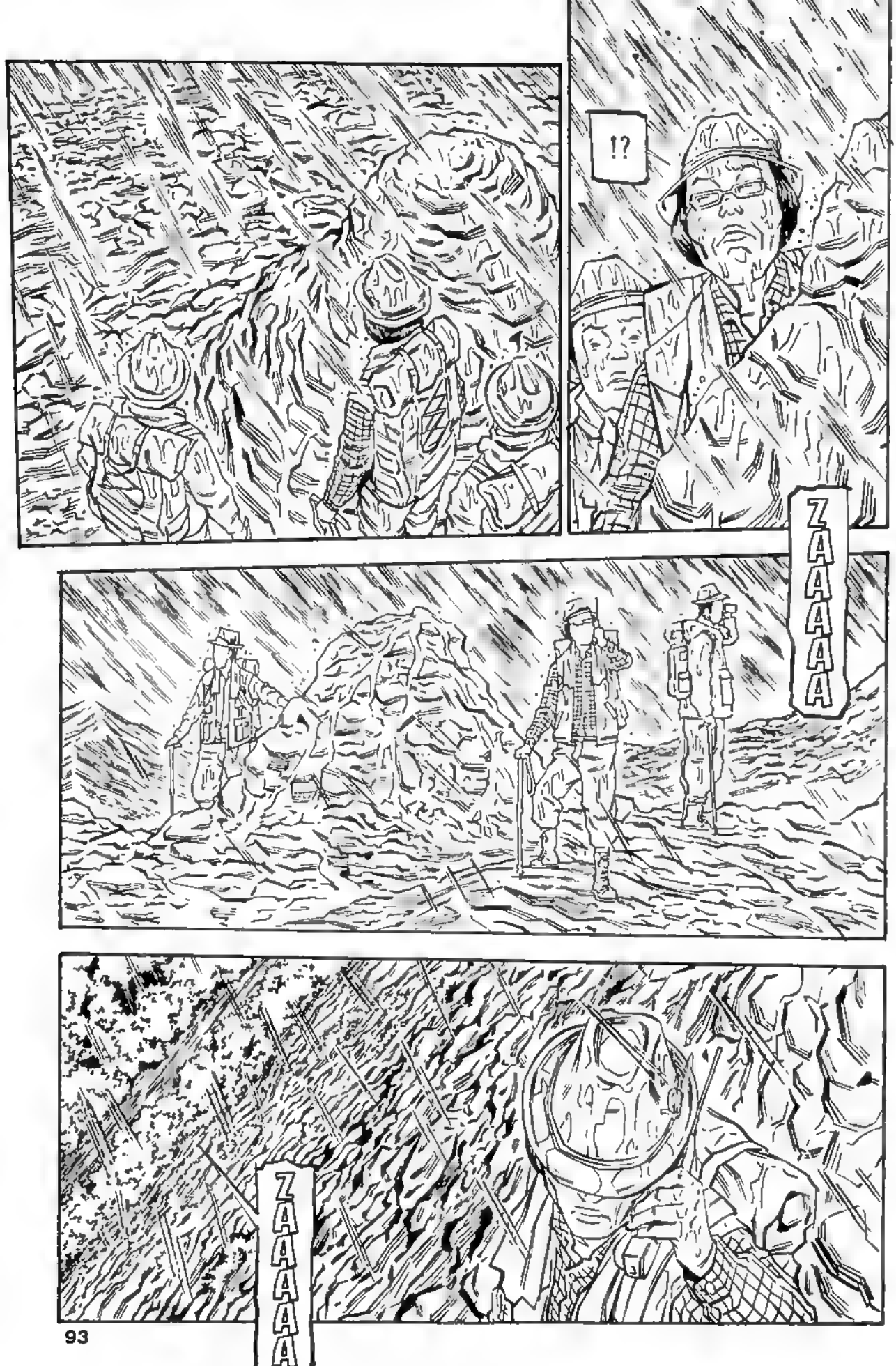
A HEAVENLY PARADISE EXISTS ON MT. NORIKURA AT NIGHT.

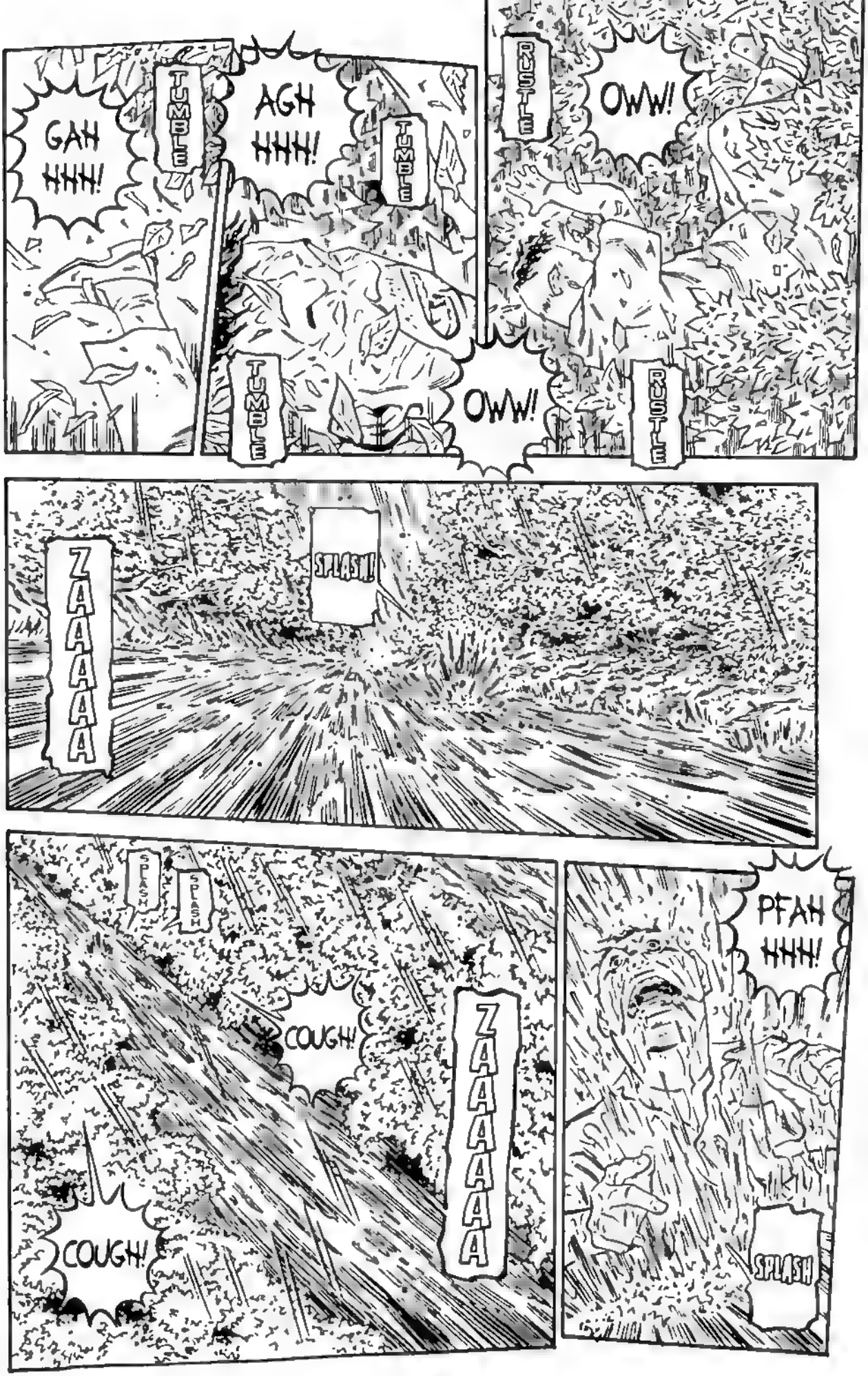

MAP OF TIME
CIGARETTE
CLOCK
*NOT POSSIBLE WITH A PLAIN, LONG-SIZE CIGARETTE
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
MAP OF SPACE
FOREIGN BODY
FLAP
FLAP
A HEAVENLY PARADISE EXISTS ON MT. NORIKURA
NIGHT.

!
Can't make heads or tails outta this...
FLAP
FLAP
What the hell...

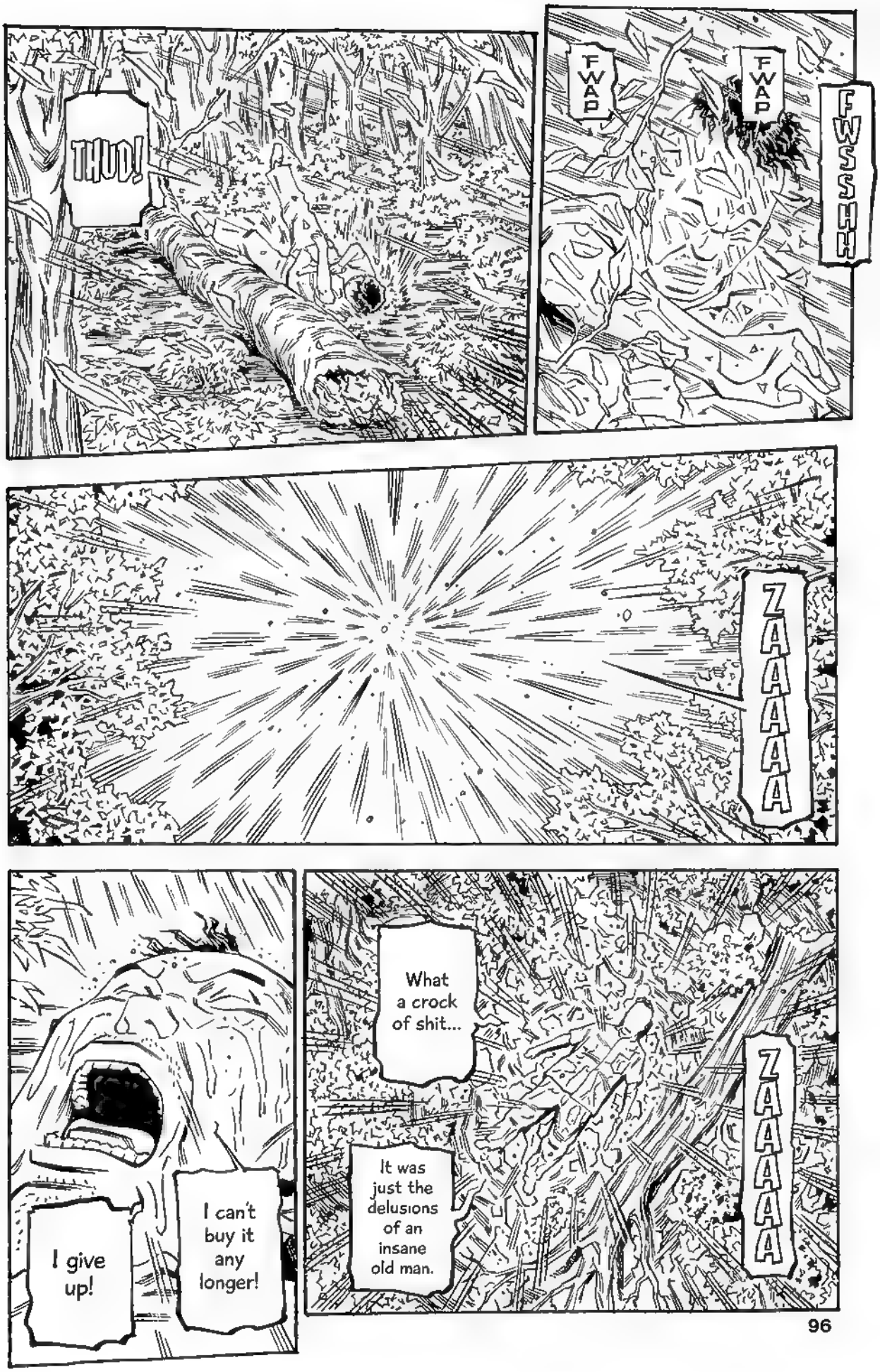
ZAAAAAA

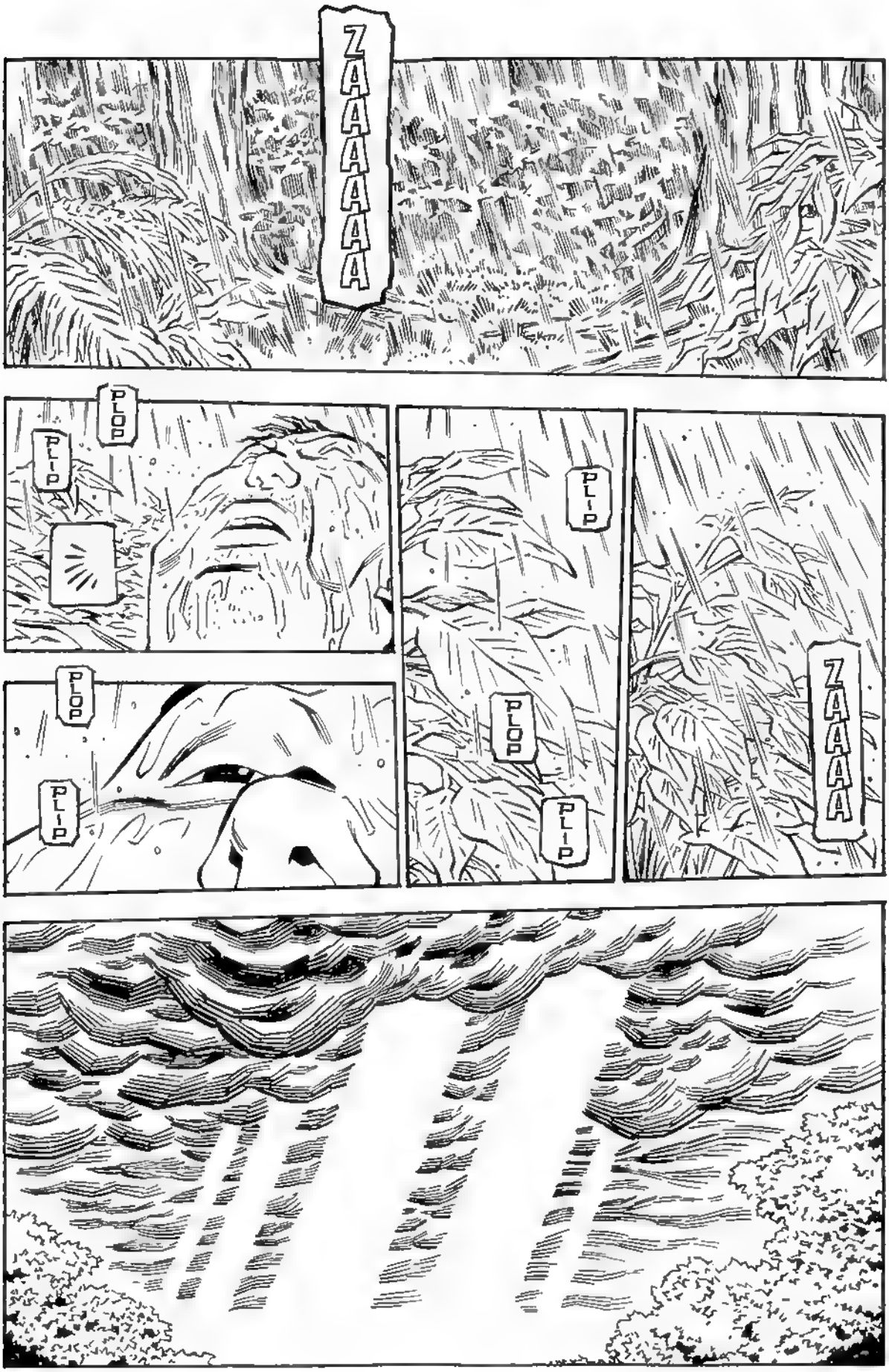

ZAAAAAA
SPLASH
What a pain in the ass...
DASH
ZAAAAA

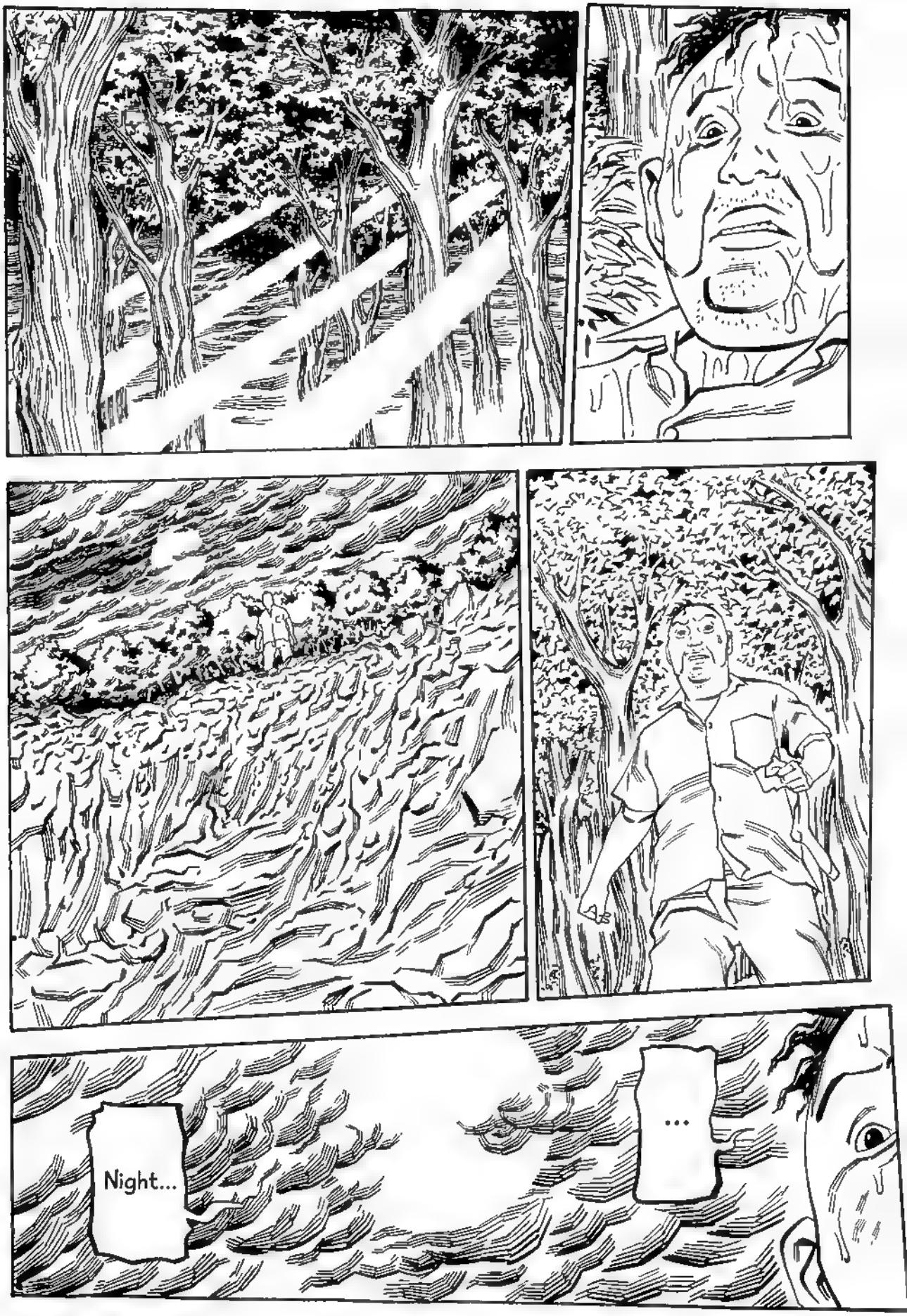

!?
ZAAAAA
ZAAAAA


GAH HHH!
TUMBLE
AGH HHH!
TUMBLE
TUMBLE
OWW!
TUMBLE
OWW!
TUMBLE
ZAAAAAA
SPLASH!
PFAH HHH!
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
COUGH!
ZAAAAAA
COUGH!

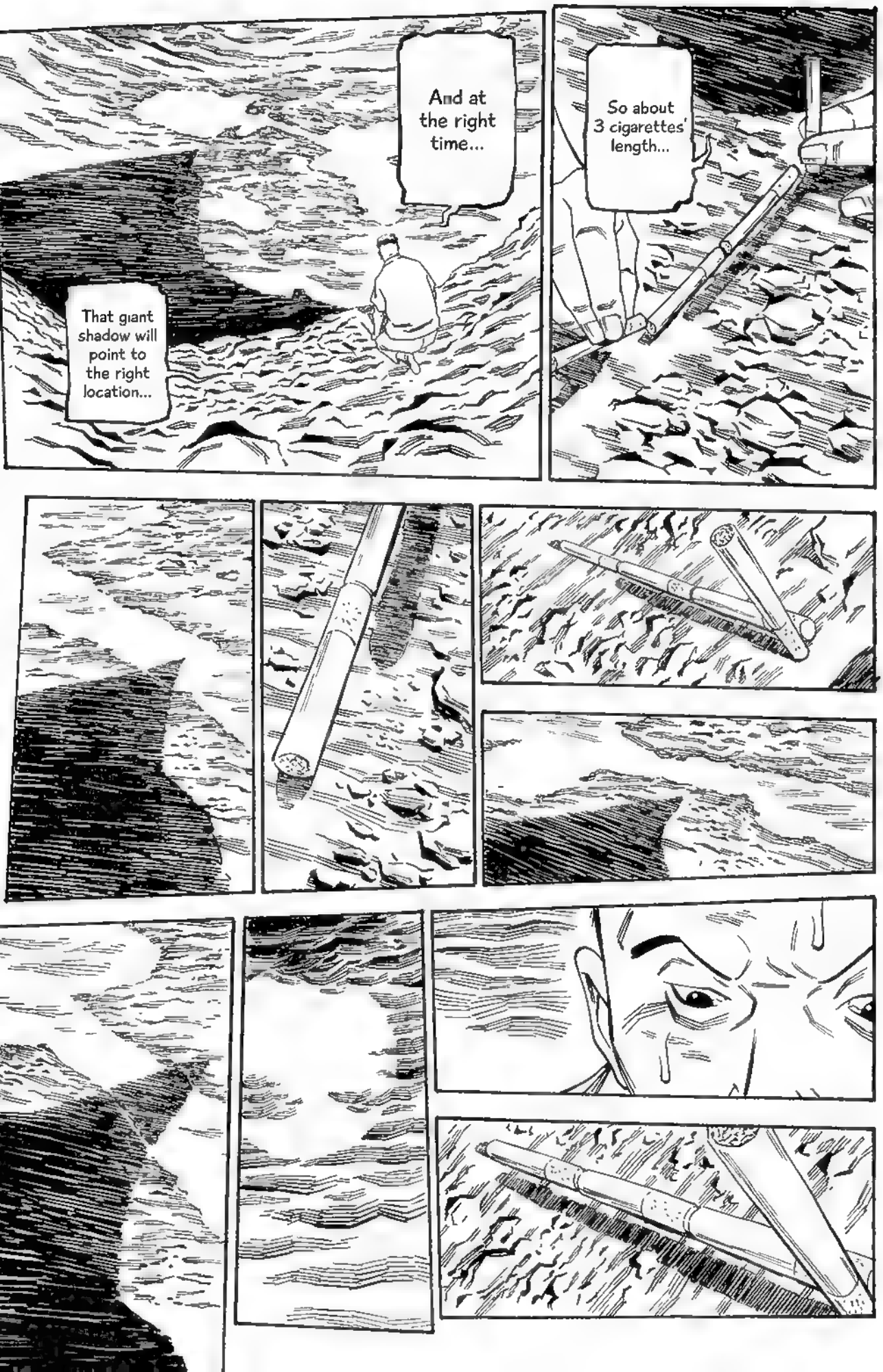
ZAAAA
Huff
Huff
Huff
Huff
Huff
Huff
Huff
ZAAAA
Shit... What now...?
I can't get outta this forest...
What am I supposed to do...?
What else can I-
Or is he perhaps testing me with this?
Is it supposed to drive me to the very edge of my limits . ?
ZAAAA
Is he outta his mind?
Why'd he draw these maps like a freakin' puzzle?
Maybe I'm the idiot for taking that geezer seriously...

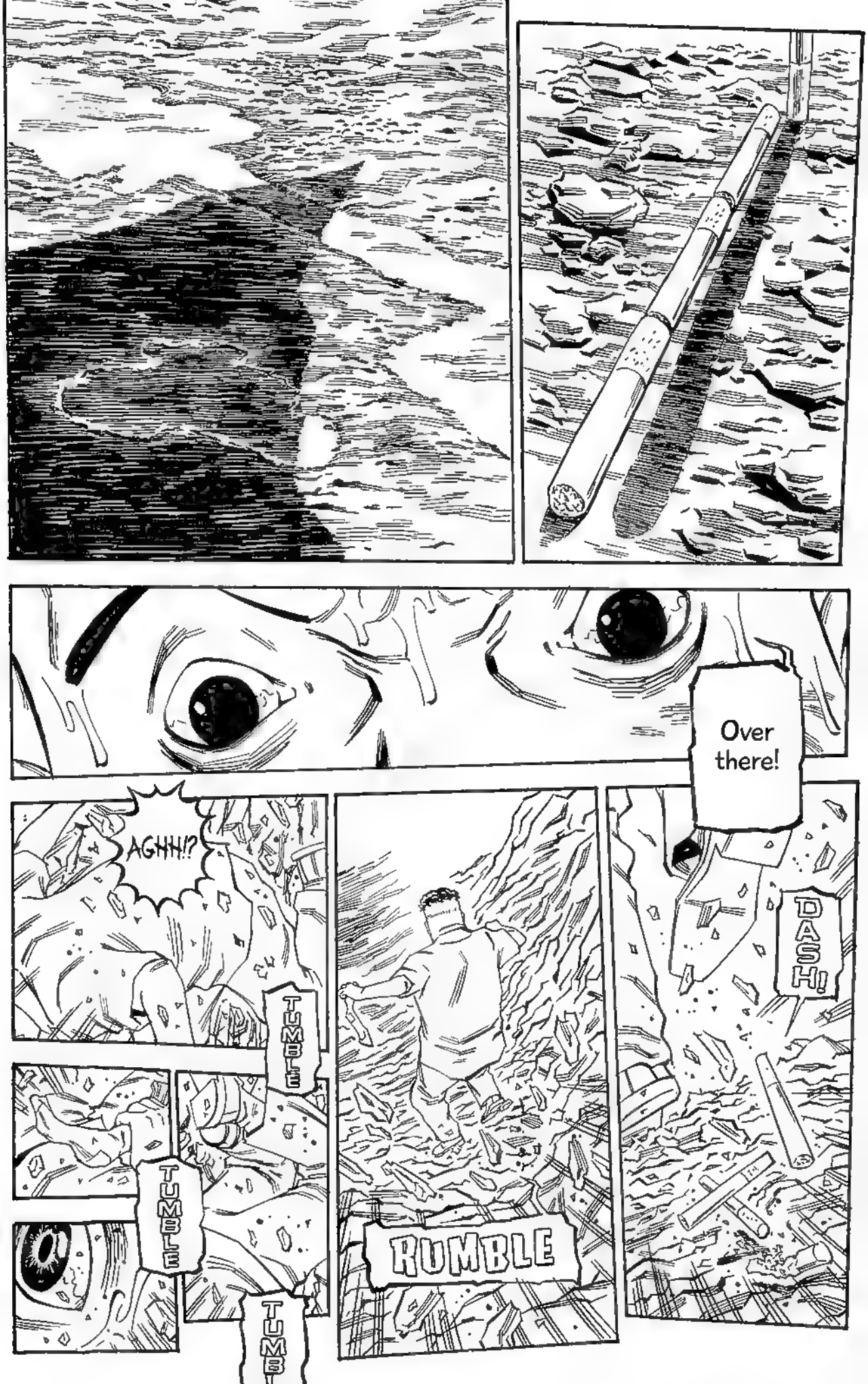

THUD!
FWAP
FWAP
FWSSSH
ZAAAAAA
What a crock of shit...
It was just the delusions of an insane old man.
ZAAAAAA
I can't buy it any longer!
I give up!

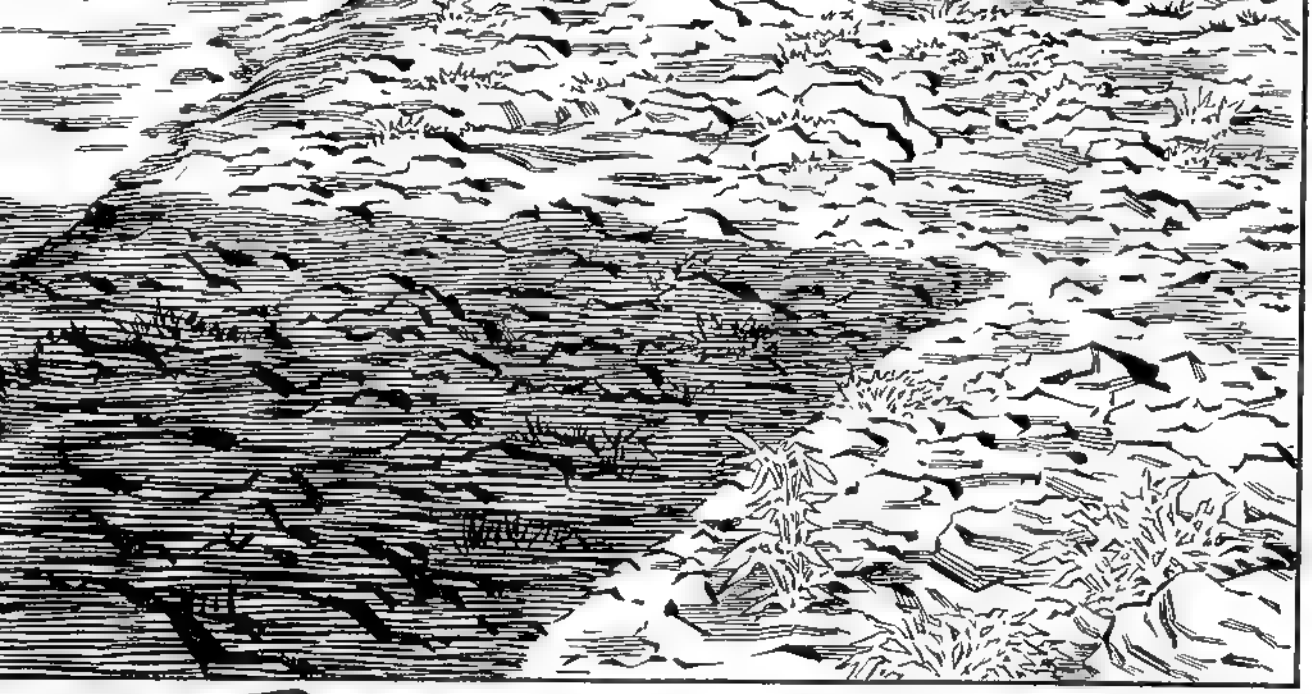

ZAAAAAA
PLOP
PLIP
PLIP
PLOP
PLOP
PLIP
PLIP
ZAAAA


Night...
...

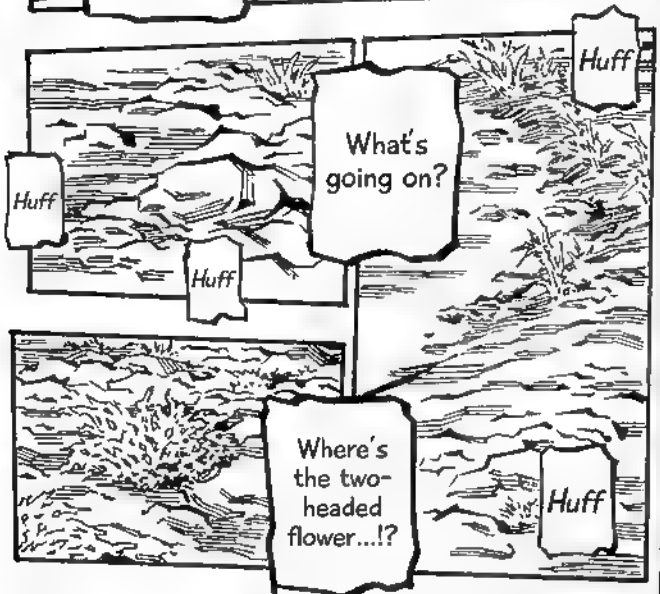
MAP OF
FOREIGN BODY
A HEAVENLY PARADISE EXISTS ON MT. NORIKURA AT NIGHT.
Is this it...?
FOREIGN BODY
No... The place it's pointing to is a little different from the map..
The tip of the shadow...
Will let me measure when the moon's at the right angle...?
The length of the shadow...
CIGARETTE CLOCK
*NOT POSSIBLE WITH A PLAIN, LONG-SIZE CIGARETTE
That's it...! The cigarette!
売上票


And at the right time...
That giant shadow will point to the right location...
So about 3 cigarettes' length...


Over there!
DASH!
RUMBLE
AGHH!?
TUMBLE
TUMBLE
TUMBLE



Huff
W... What...?
There aren't any flowers here...!
Huff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What's going on?
Huff
Huff
Where's the two-headed flower...!?
Huff

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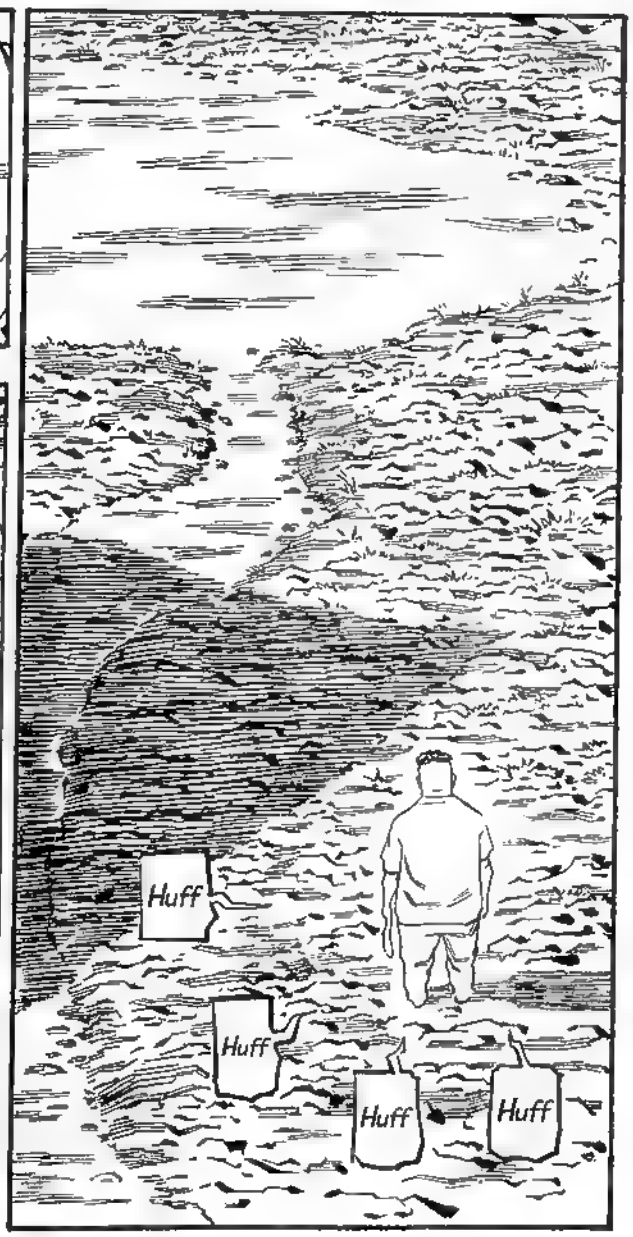
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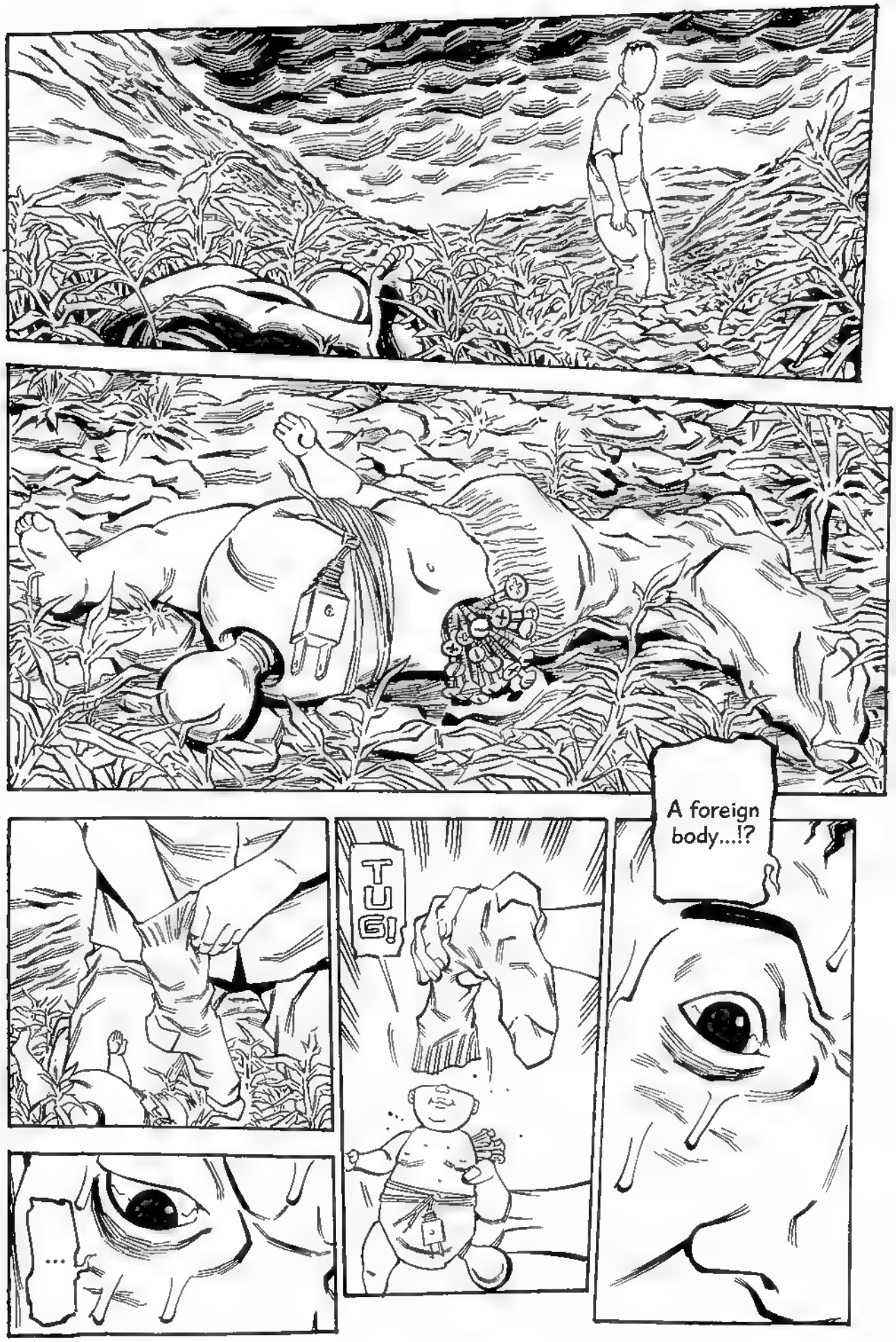
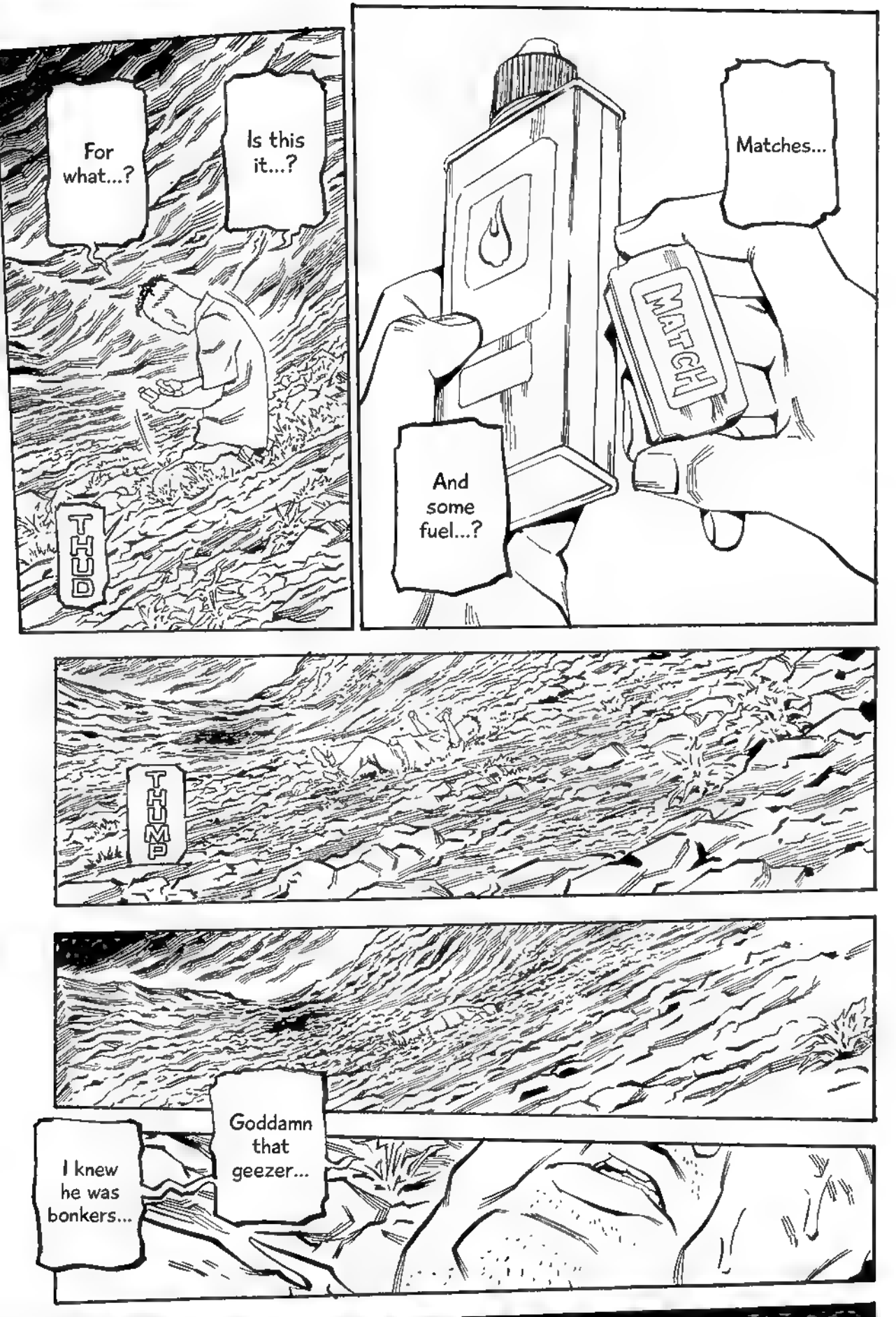
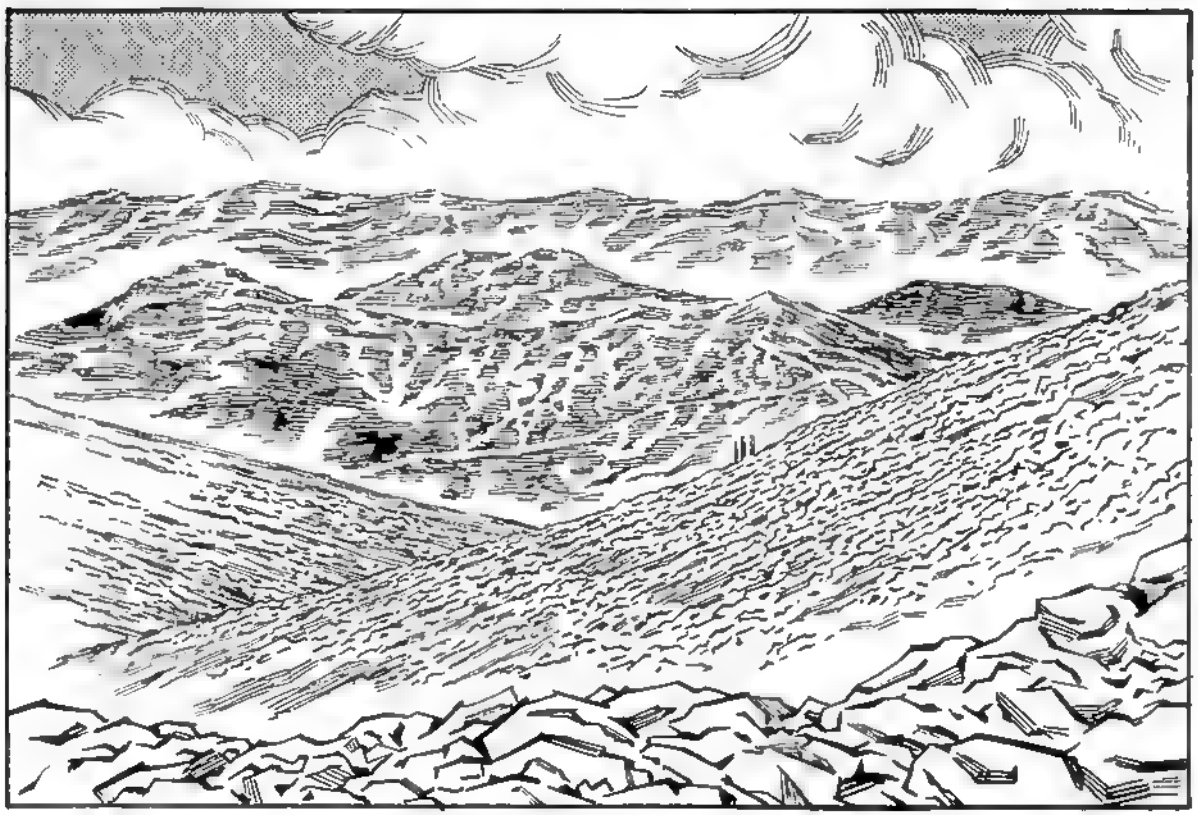
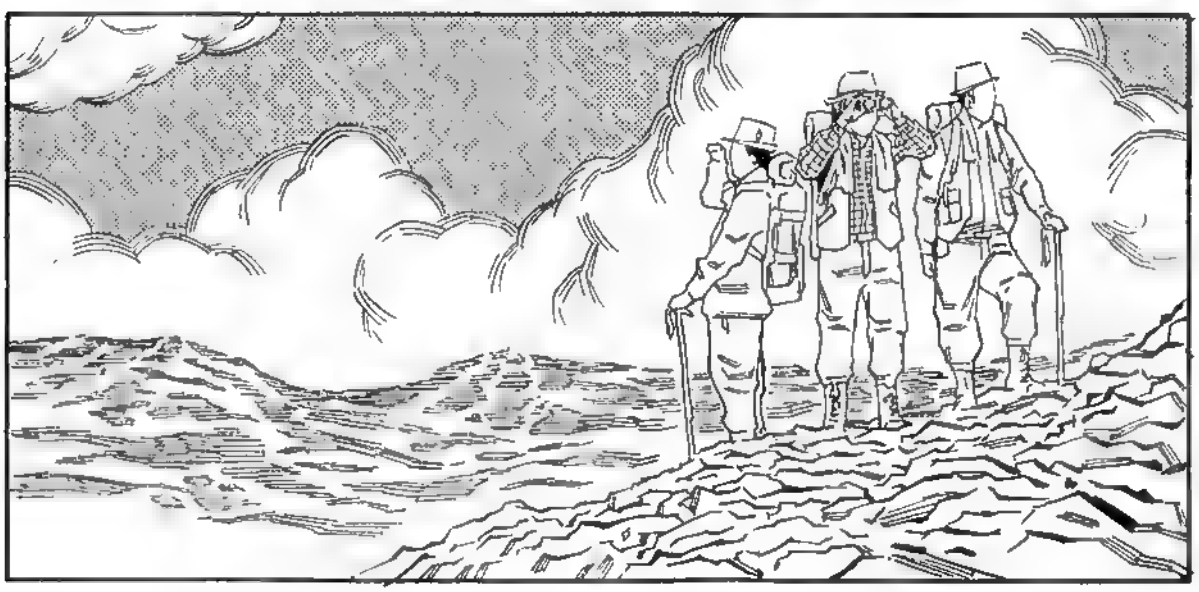
Huff

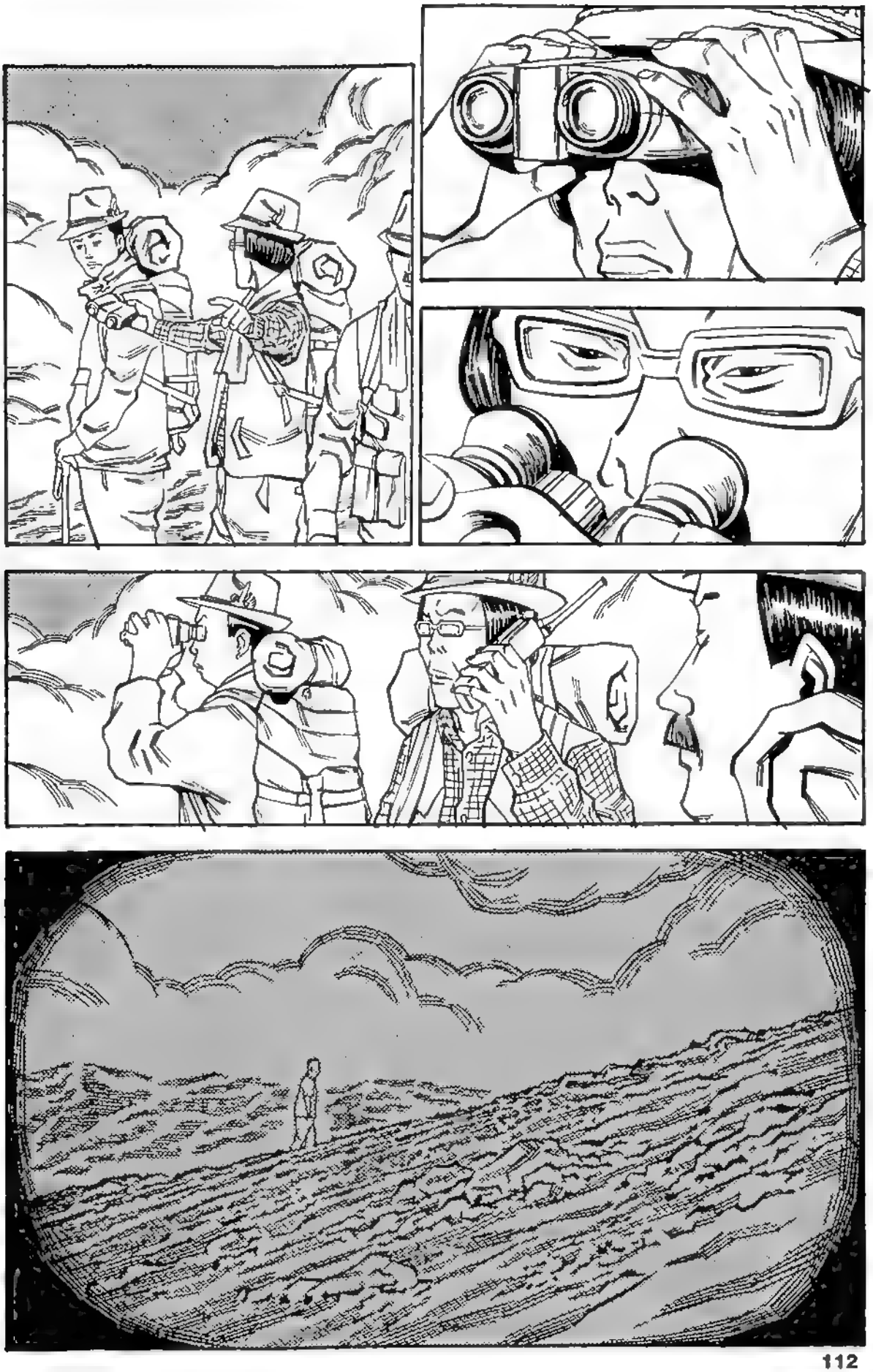

A foreign body...!?
TUG!
...


For what...?
Is this it...?
THUD
Matches...
MATCH
And some fuel...?
THUMP
Goddamn that geezer...
I knew he was bonkers...

BLOCK 3-18







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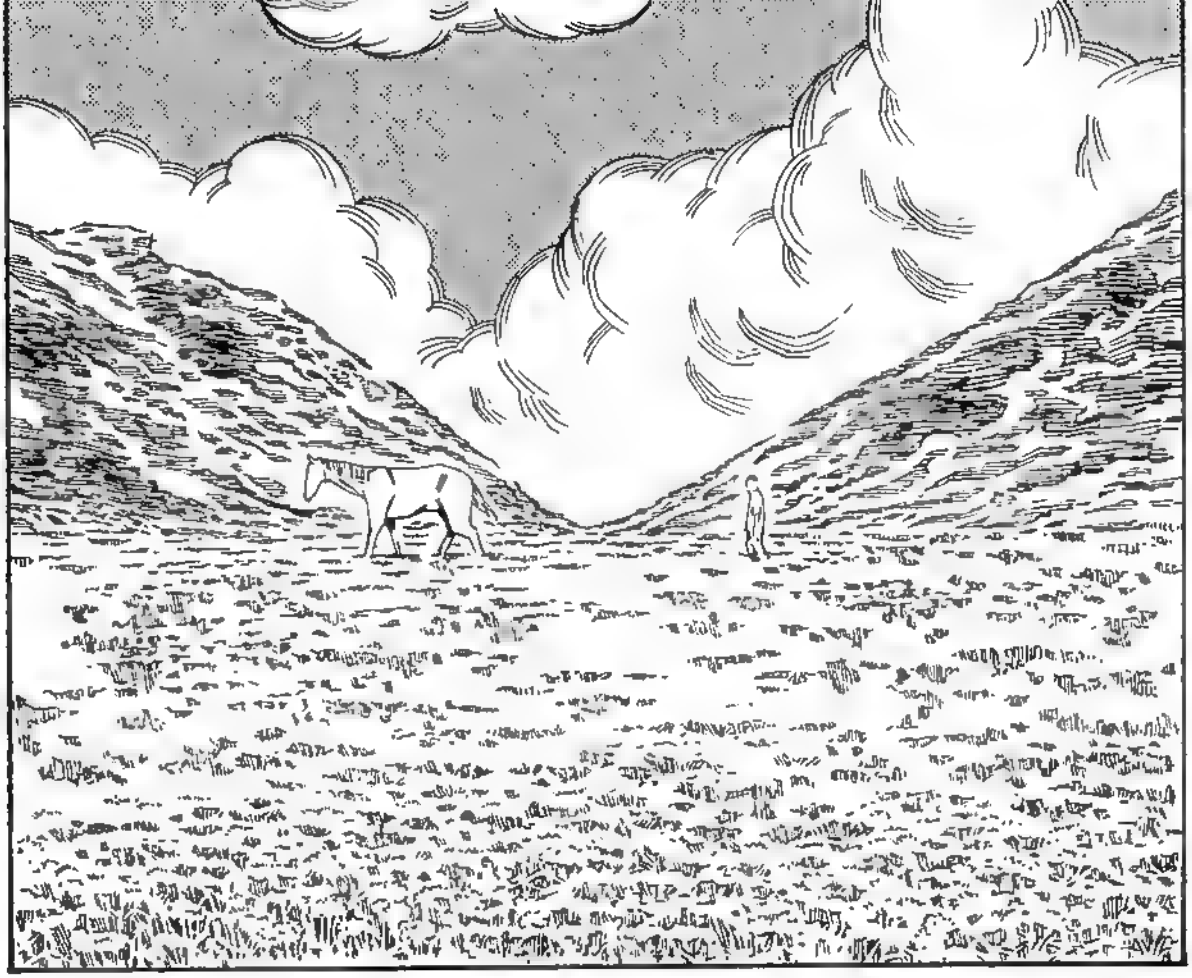
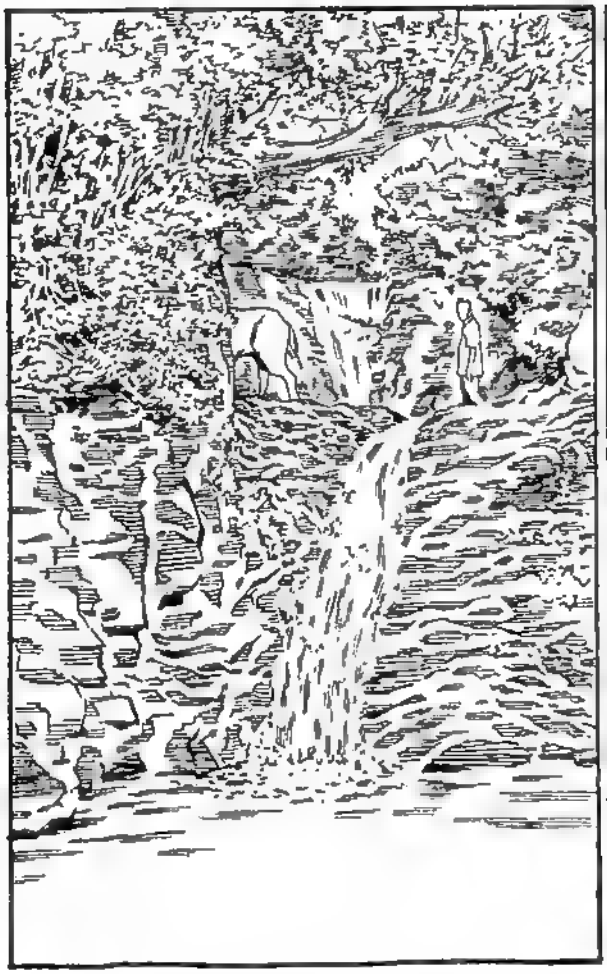
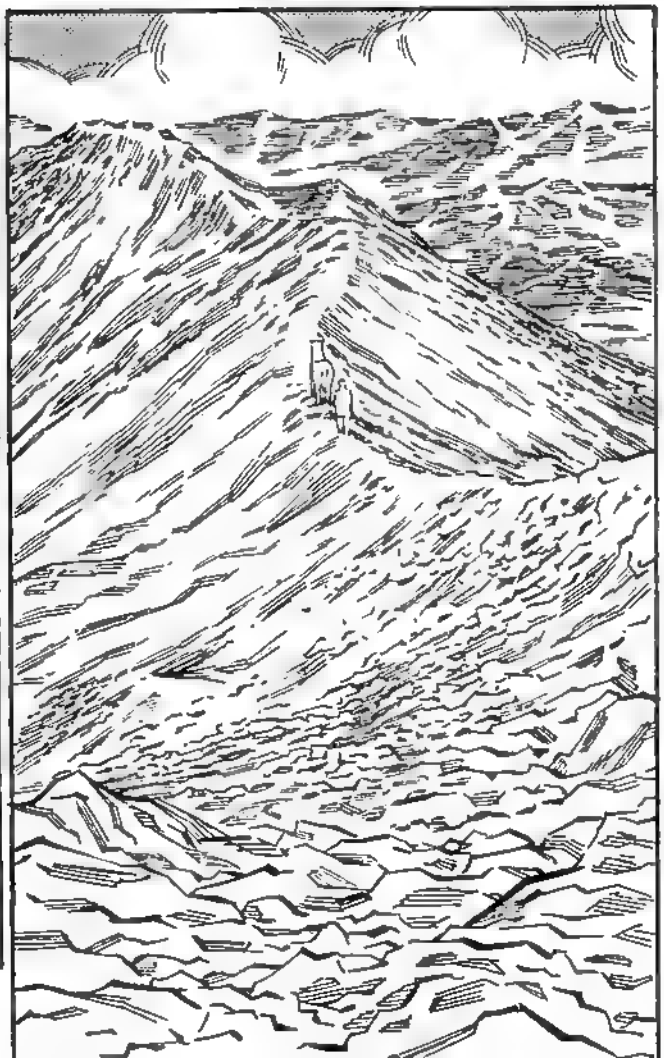
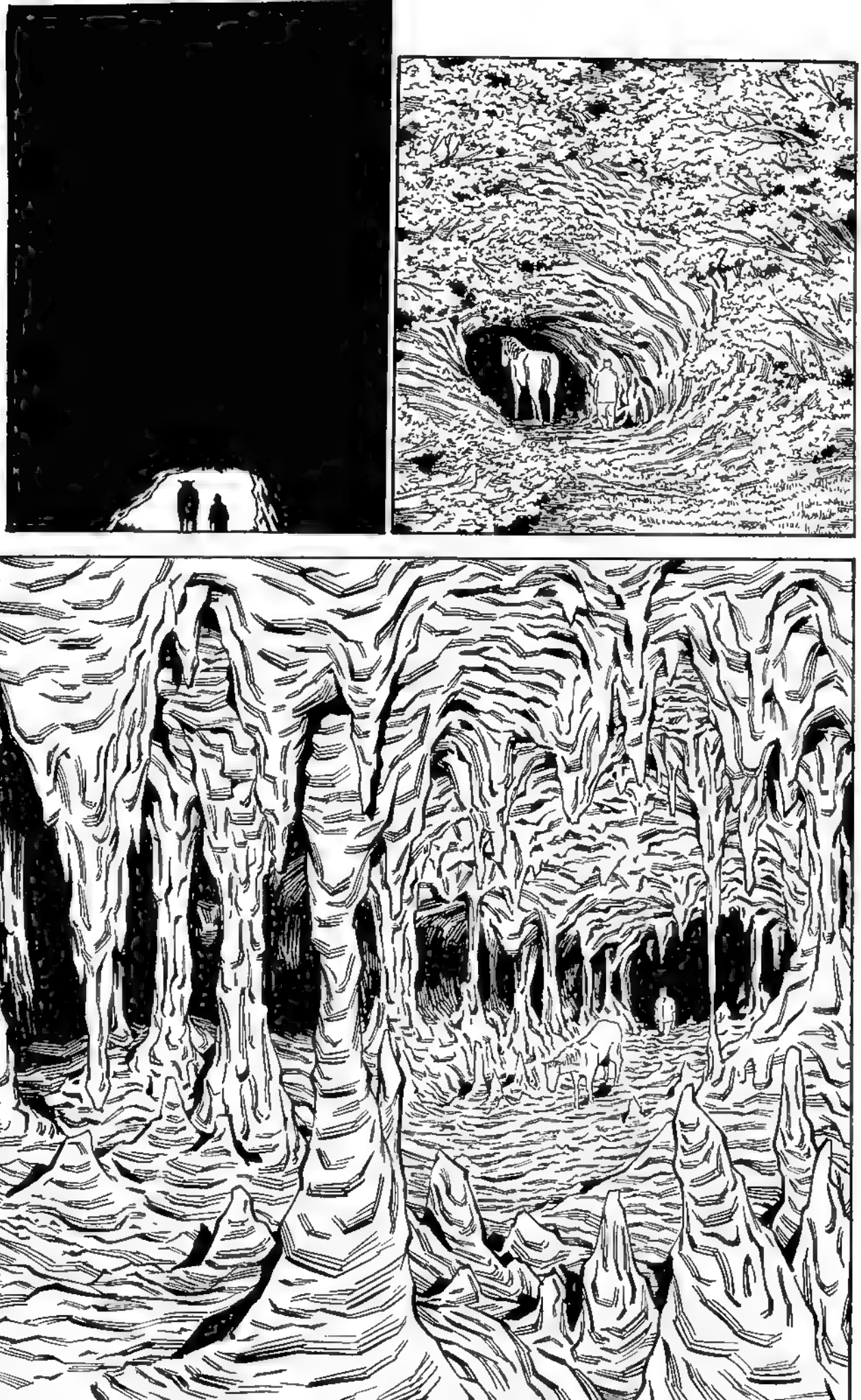
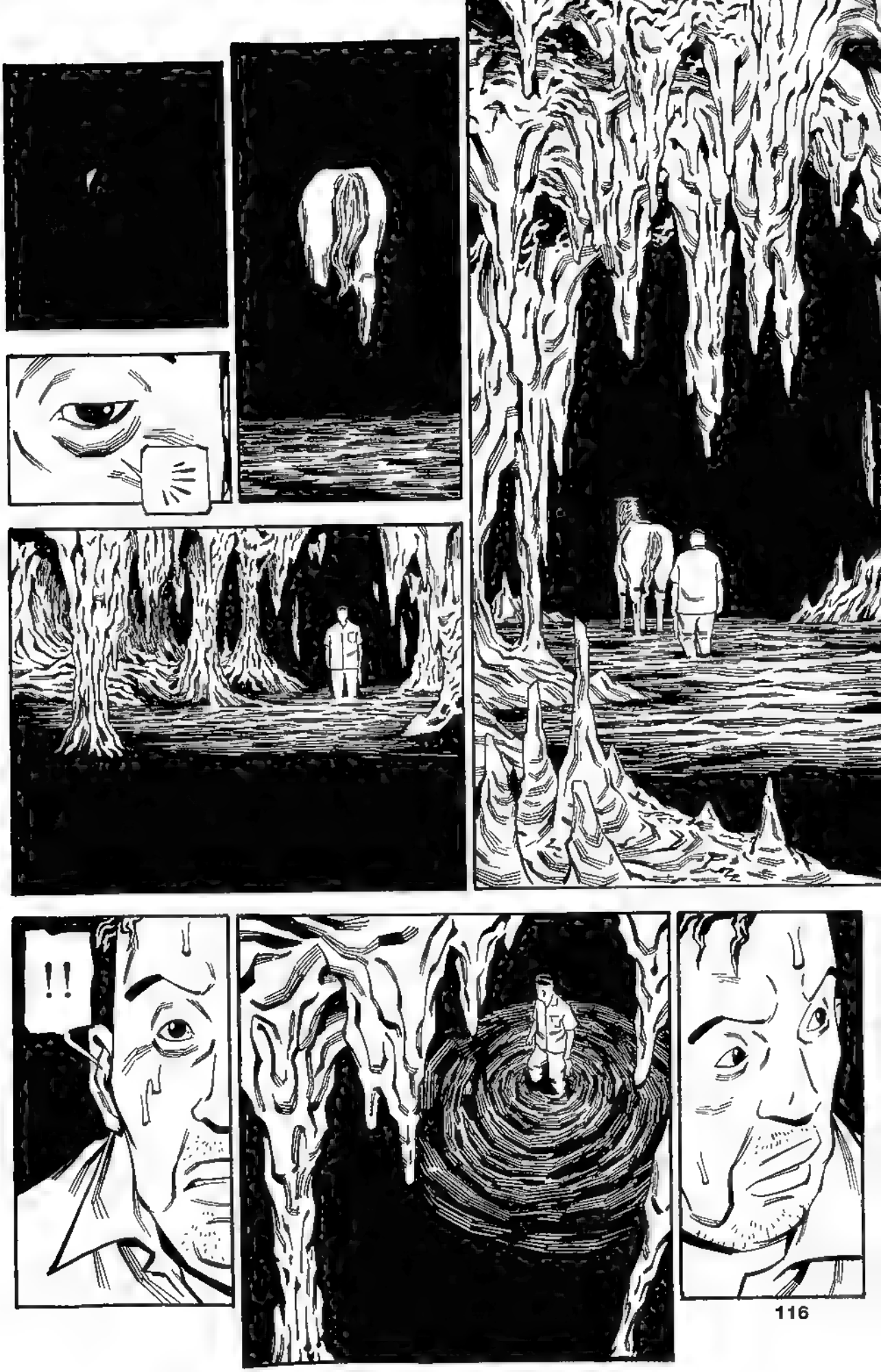
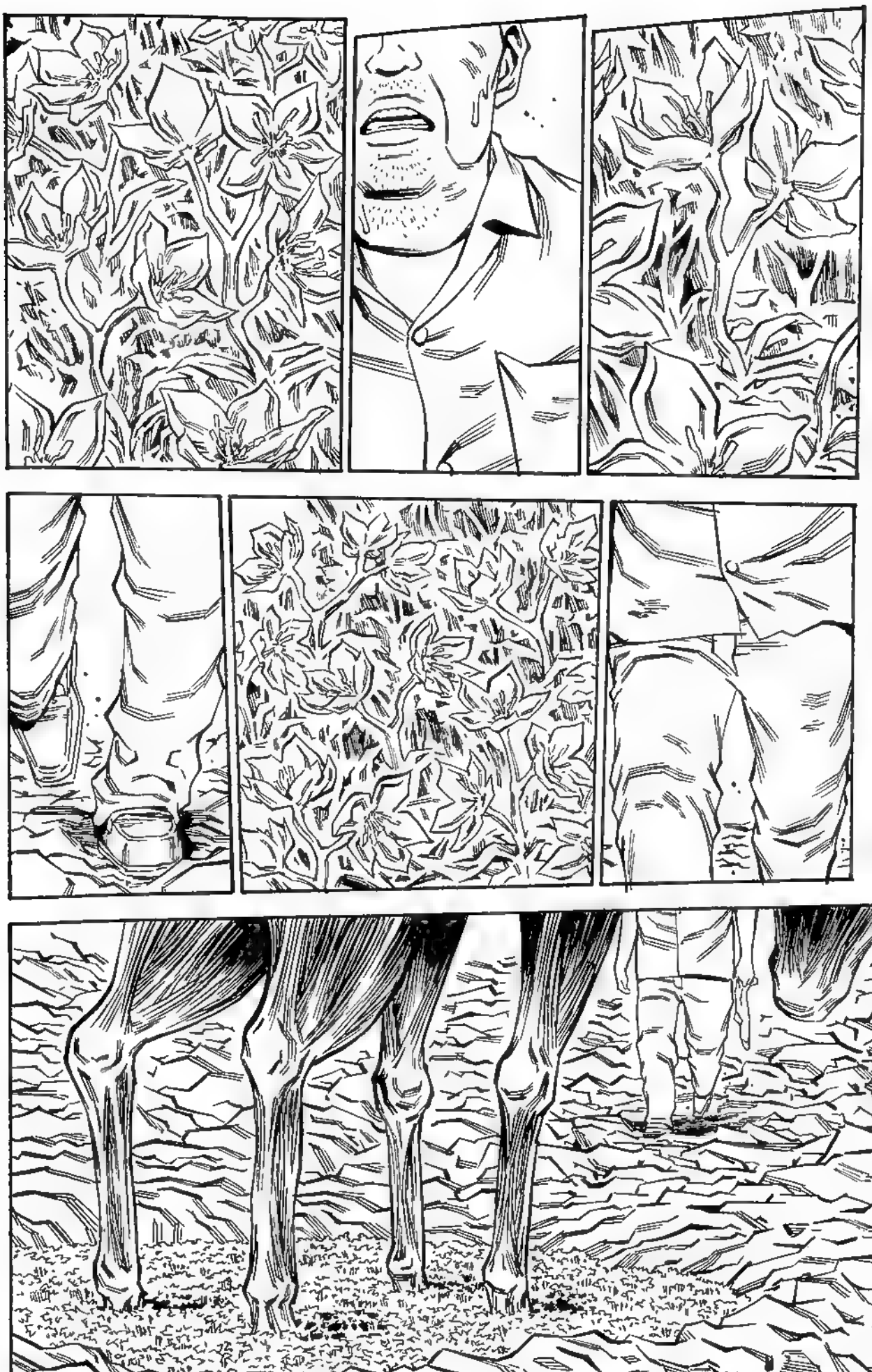




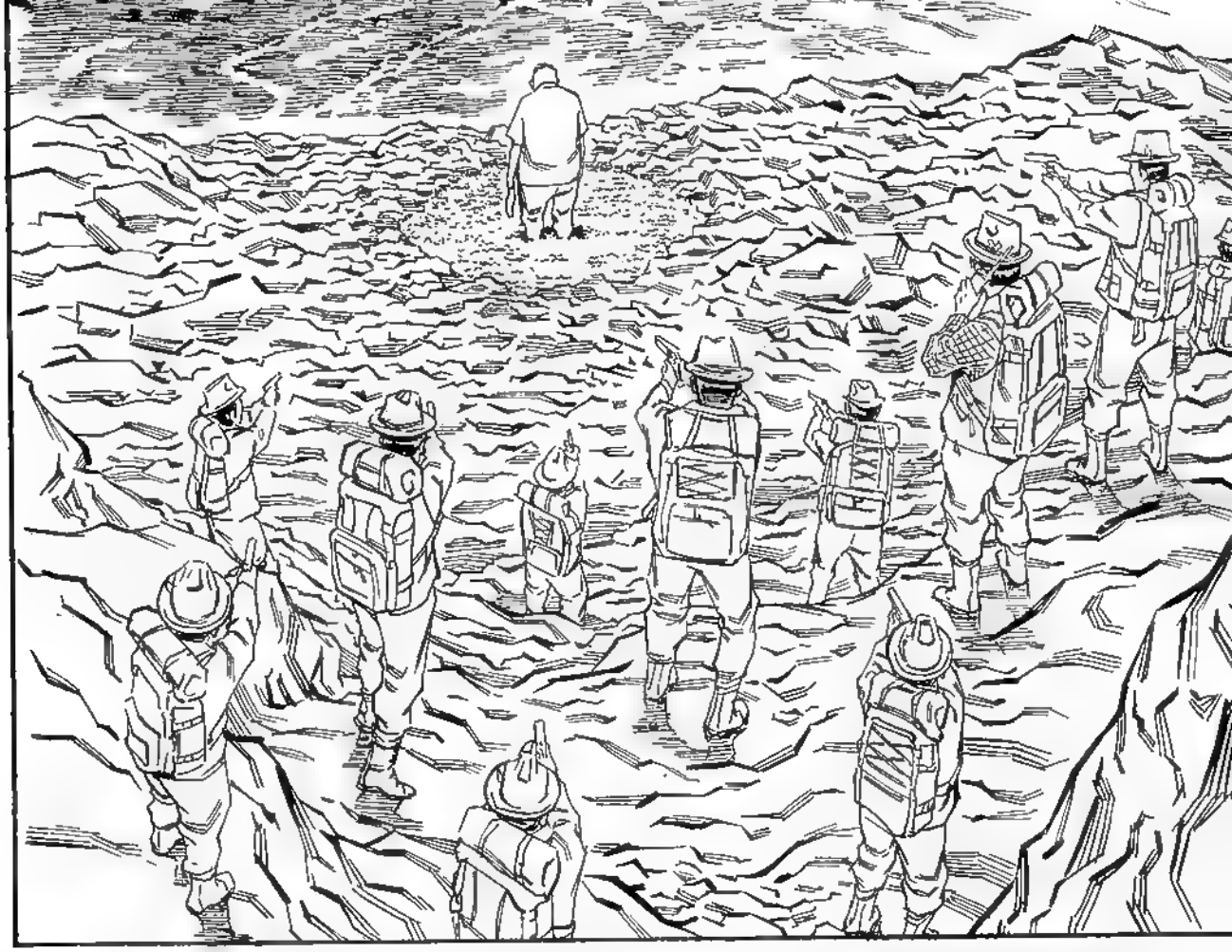


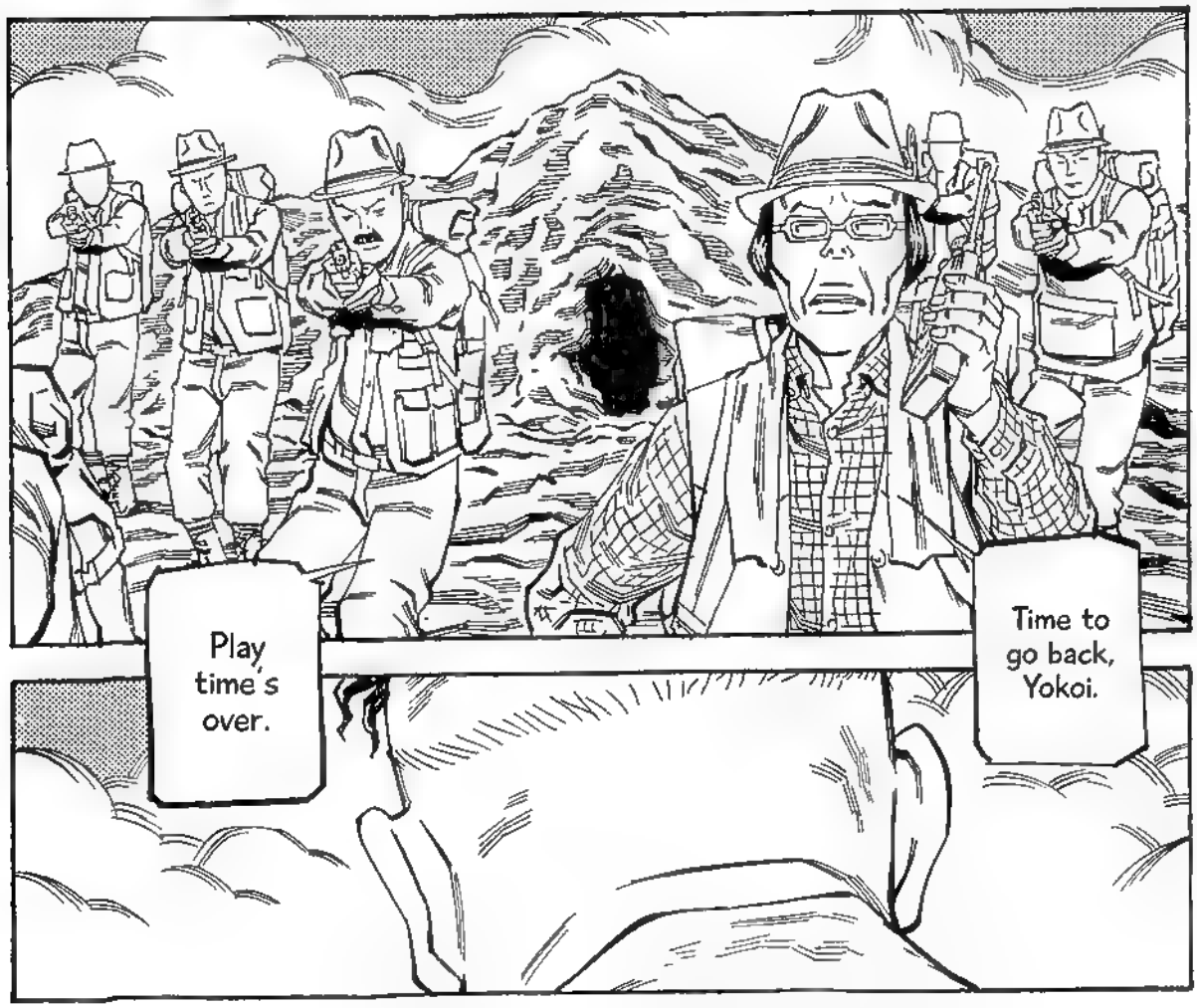




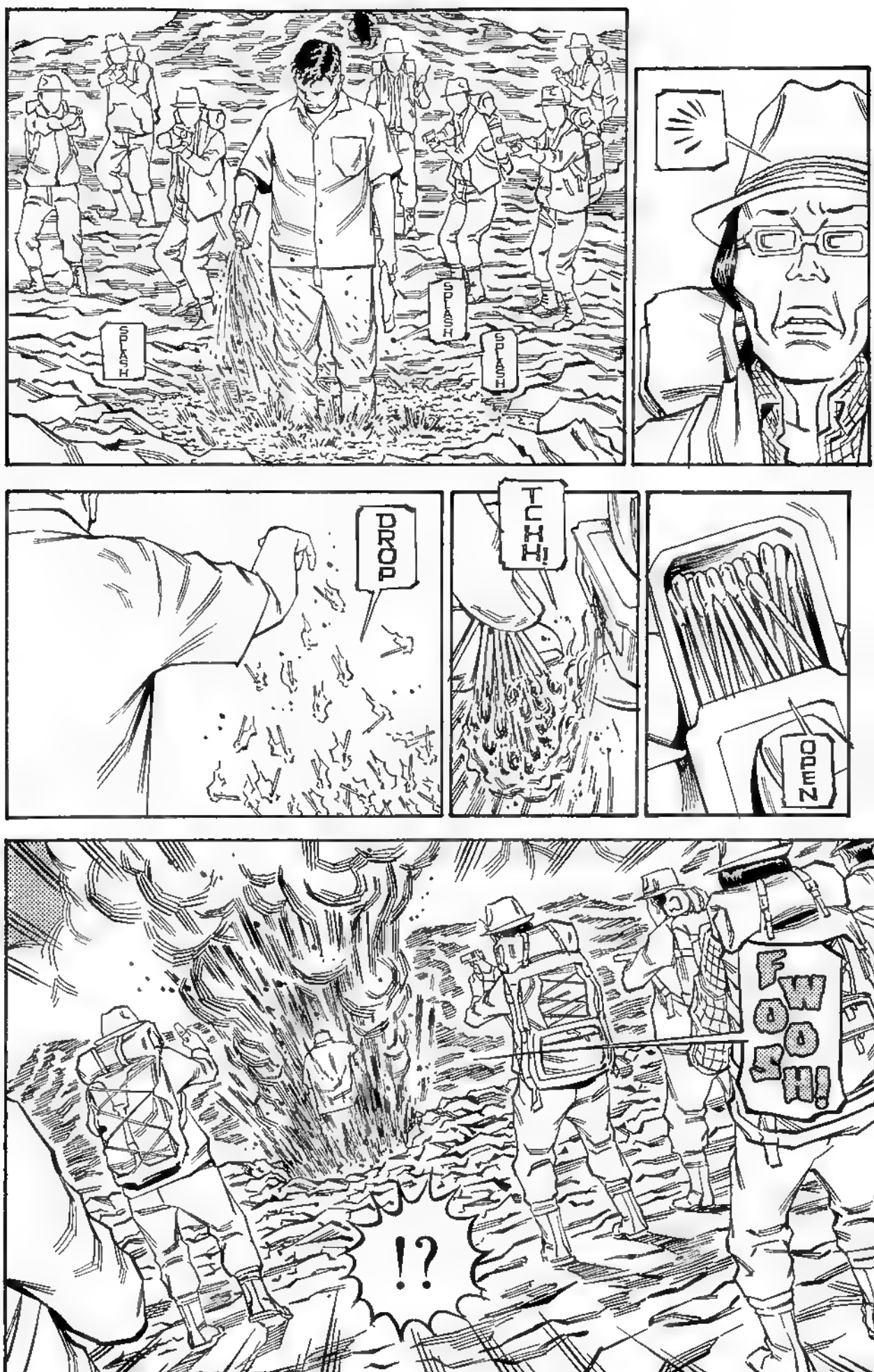


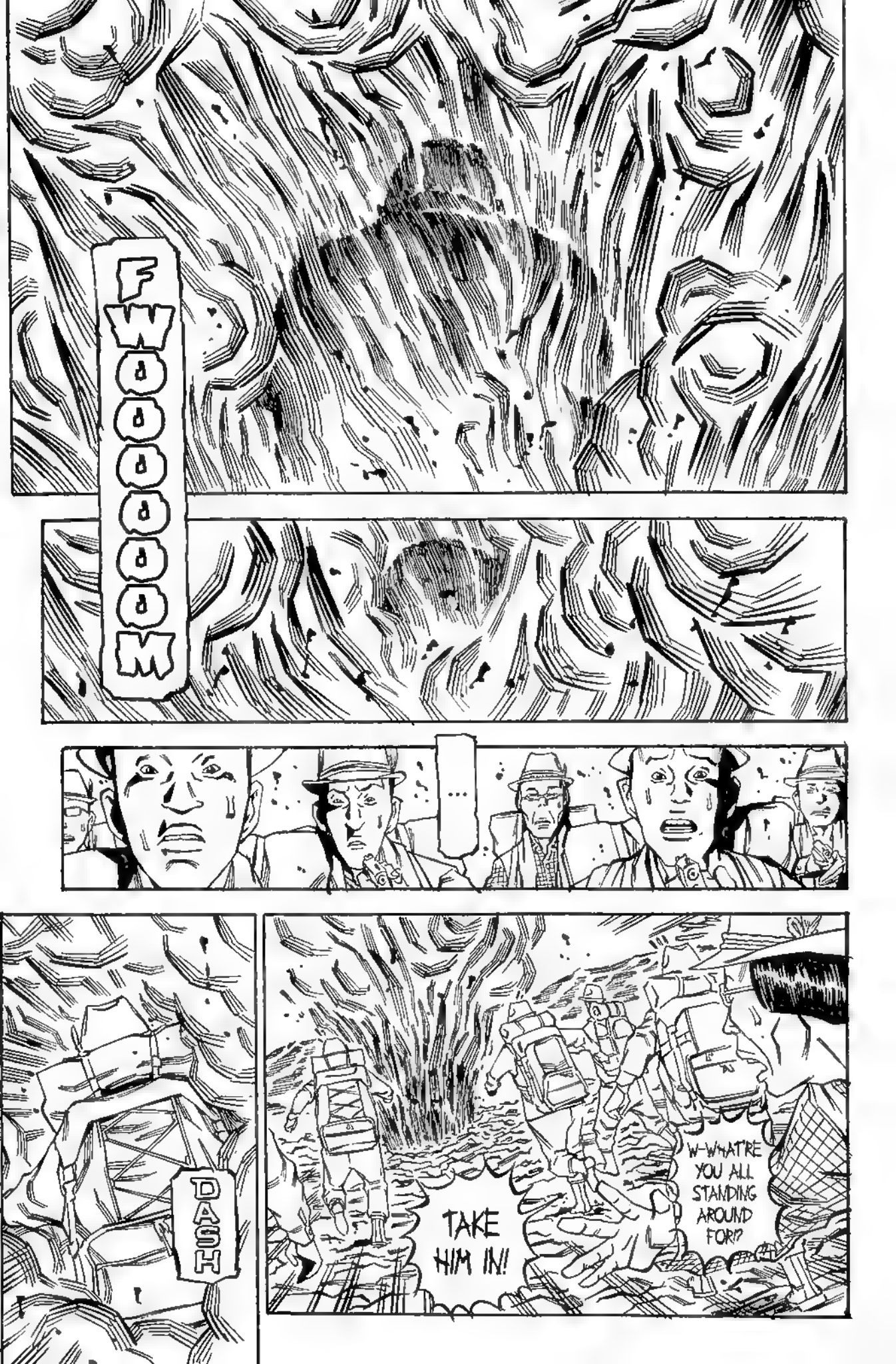
STEP
Proceeding now to Yokoi's arrest.
Location of the rift identified.




Play time's over.
Time to go back, Yokoi.

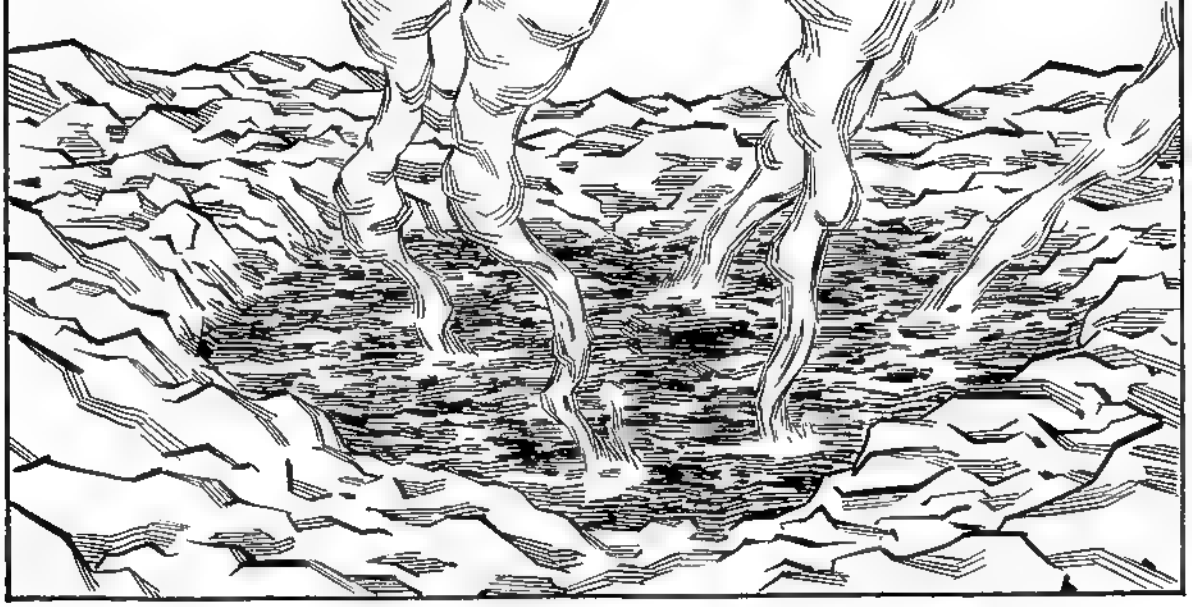
Hence it's necessary to venture into the outside realm at least once.
One cannot truly comprehend it while within the confines of "reality."

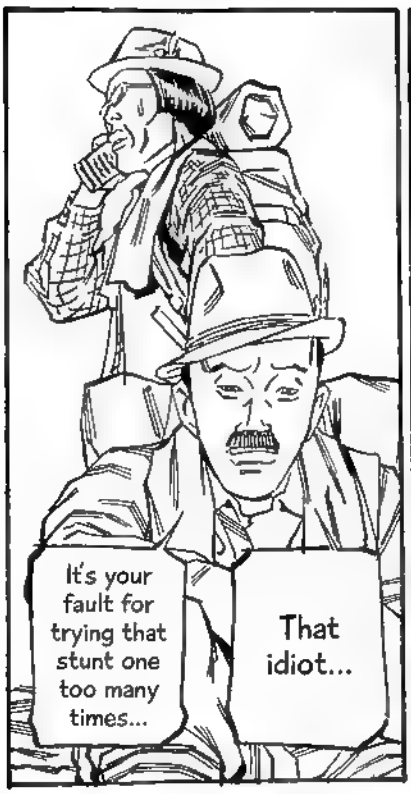

SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
ODEN
TCHH!
DROP
FWOOSH!
!?


FWOOOOOM
...
W-WHAT'RE YOU ALL STANDING AROUND FOR?
TAKE HIM IN!
DASH

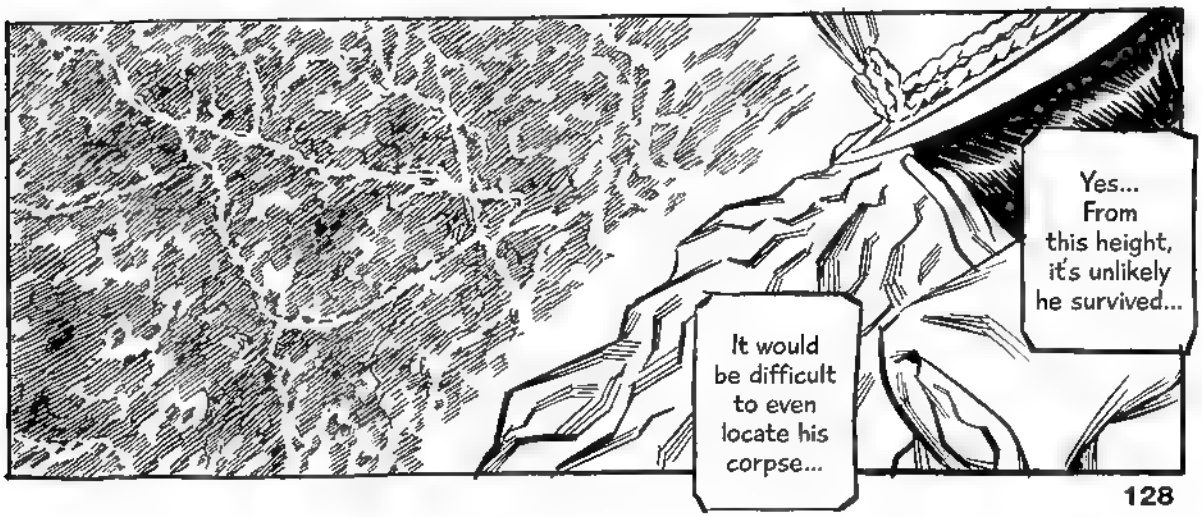
!!!
WHAA!?
AGHH!?
AHHHHHHHH!

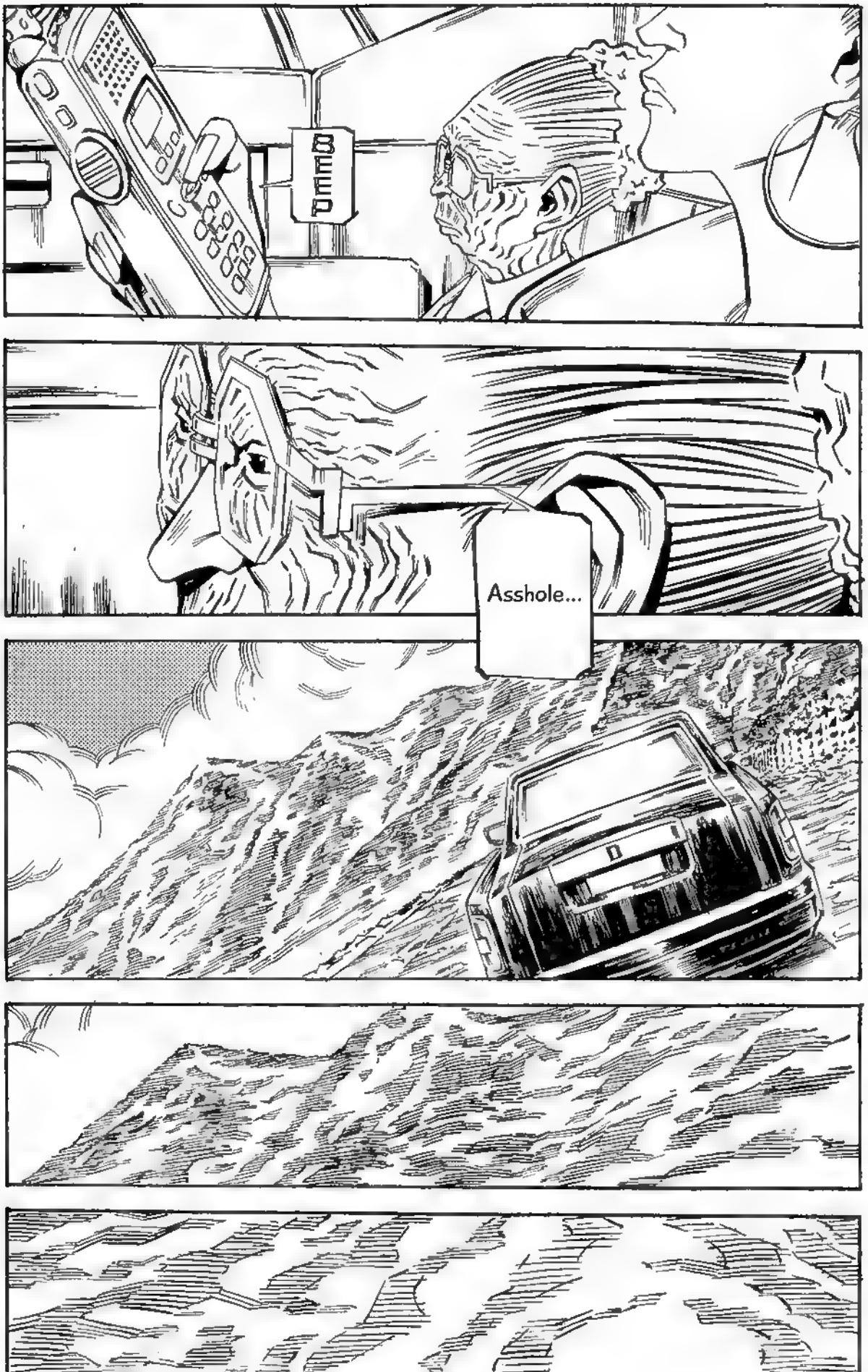
BUUURRRNNN



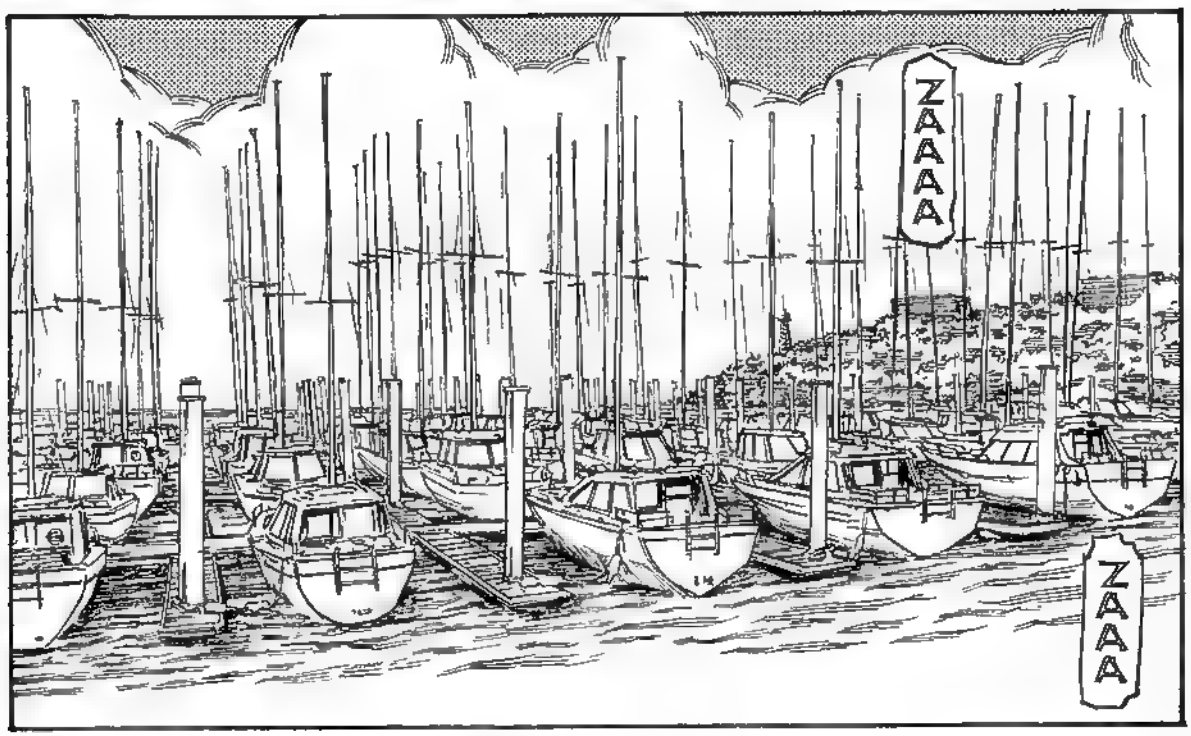

That idiot...
It's your fault for trying that stunt one too many times...

No, ma'am... There was no other place he could've escaped to...
The only possibility is that he used the smoke to hide himself and jumped off the cliff to escape. .


Yes... From this height, it's unlikely he survived...
It would be difficult to even locate his corpse...


8mm
Asshole...

ZAAAA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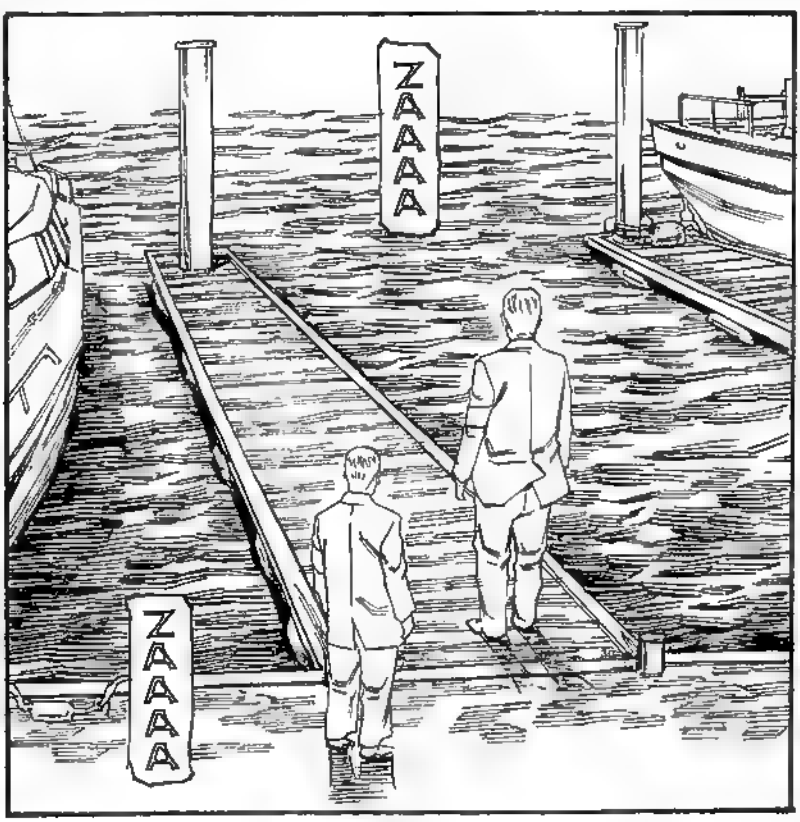
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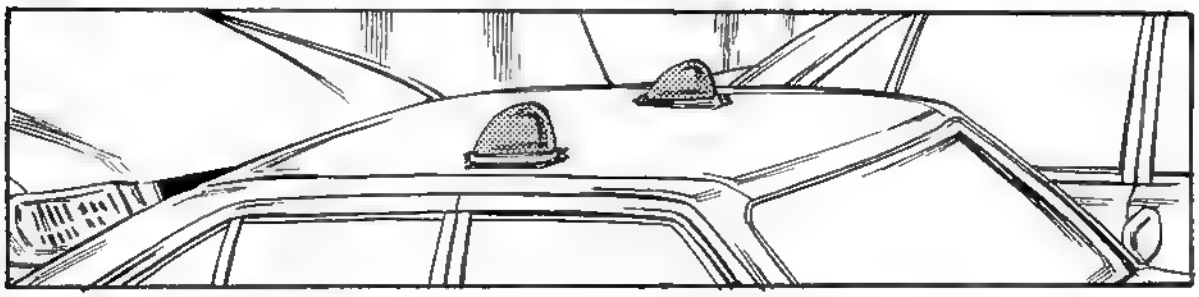

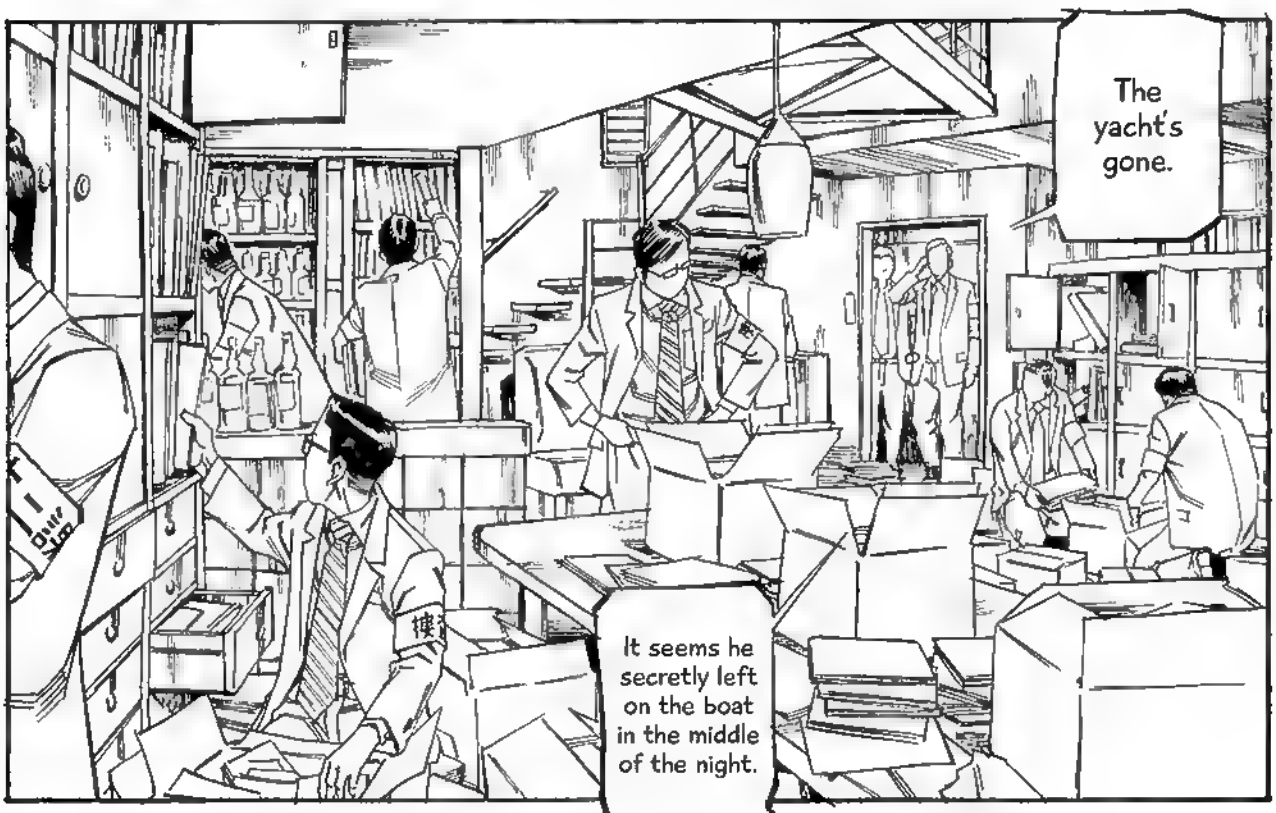
The yacht's gone.
It seems he secretly left on the boat in the middle of the night.

So comb through every nook and cranny of this place!
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
Well, we've still got a search warrant!
Escaping on his private yacht?
Now that's a real embezzler's escape for ya!
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
The perp's a real wily fox!
So seize every piece of conclusive evidence so as to make the trial an open and shut case!
TOSS
GRAB
FLAP
Stop twirling your finger and get searching, Tamura.
TWIRL
TWIRL
I thought I'd be doing something cooler than this when I came to this department...
Just another house search, huh...

FALL
Oops
What else did you expect from a fraud investigation?
The most heinous villains commit crimes against the general public.
Aghhh jeez, what a mess.
What're these old documents...?
...
...

Chief, should I organize all the ledgers together?
...
N... No, it's nothing...
What's wrong?
SLIDE
SLANCE
Soil New Town
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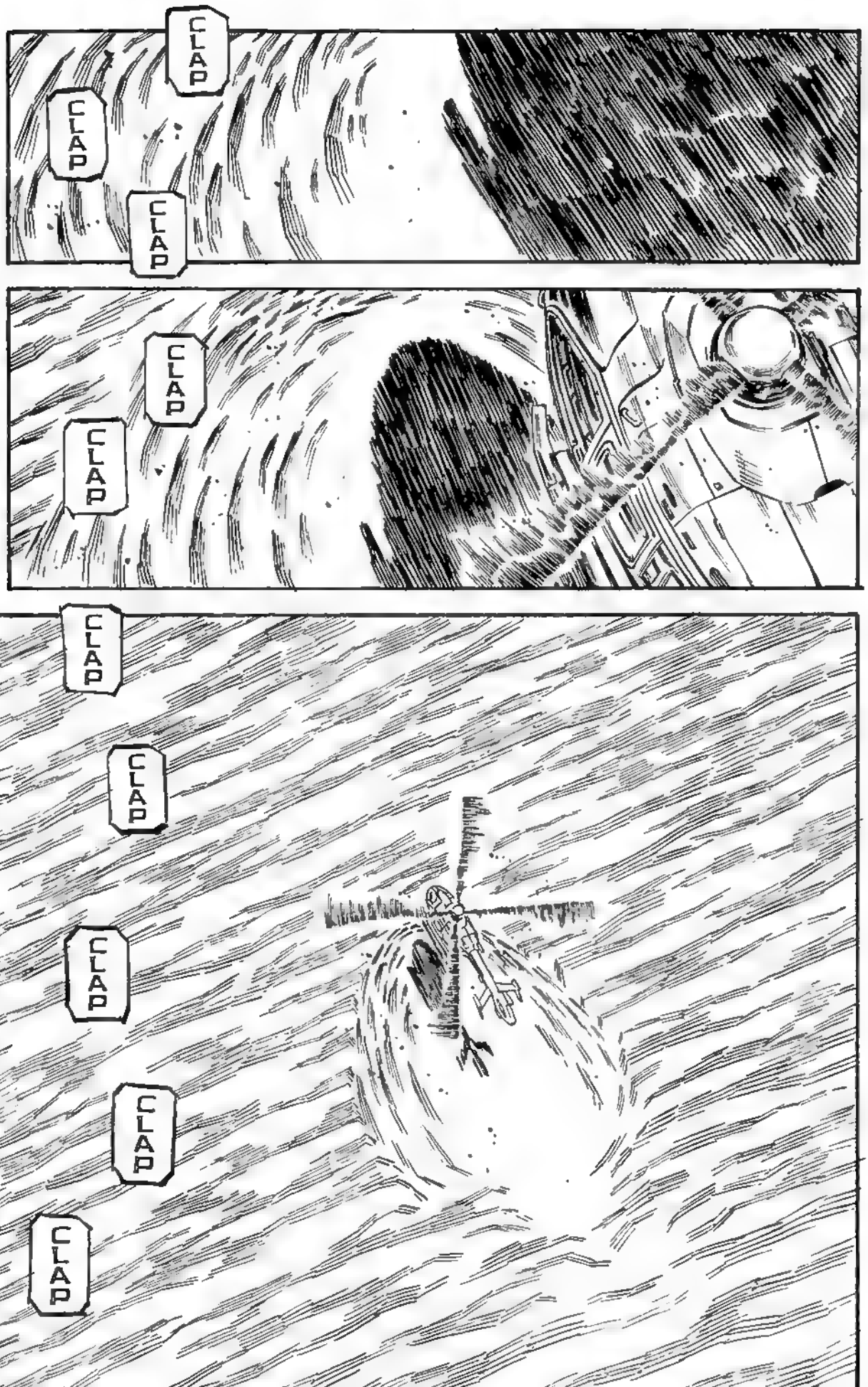
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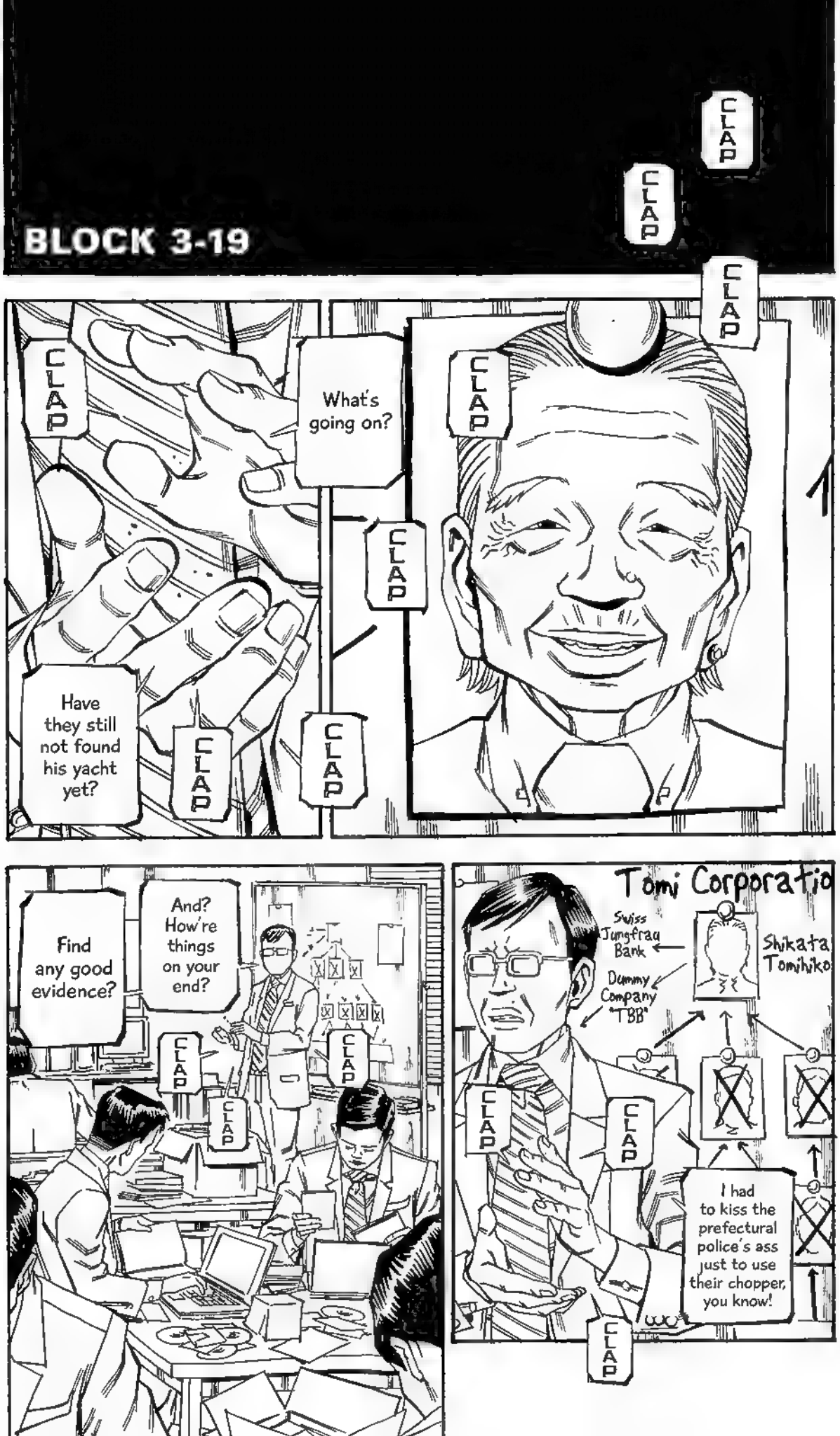
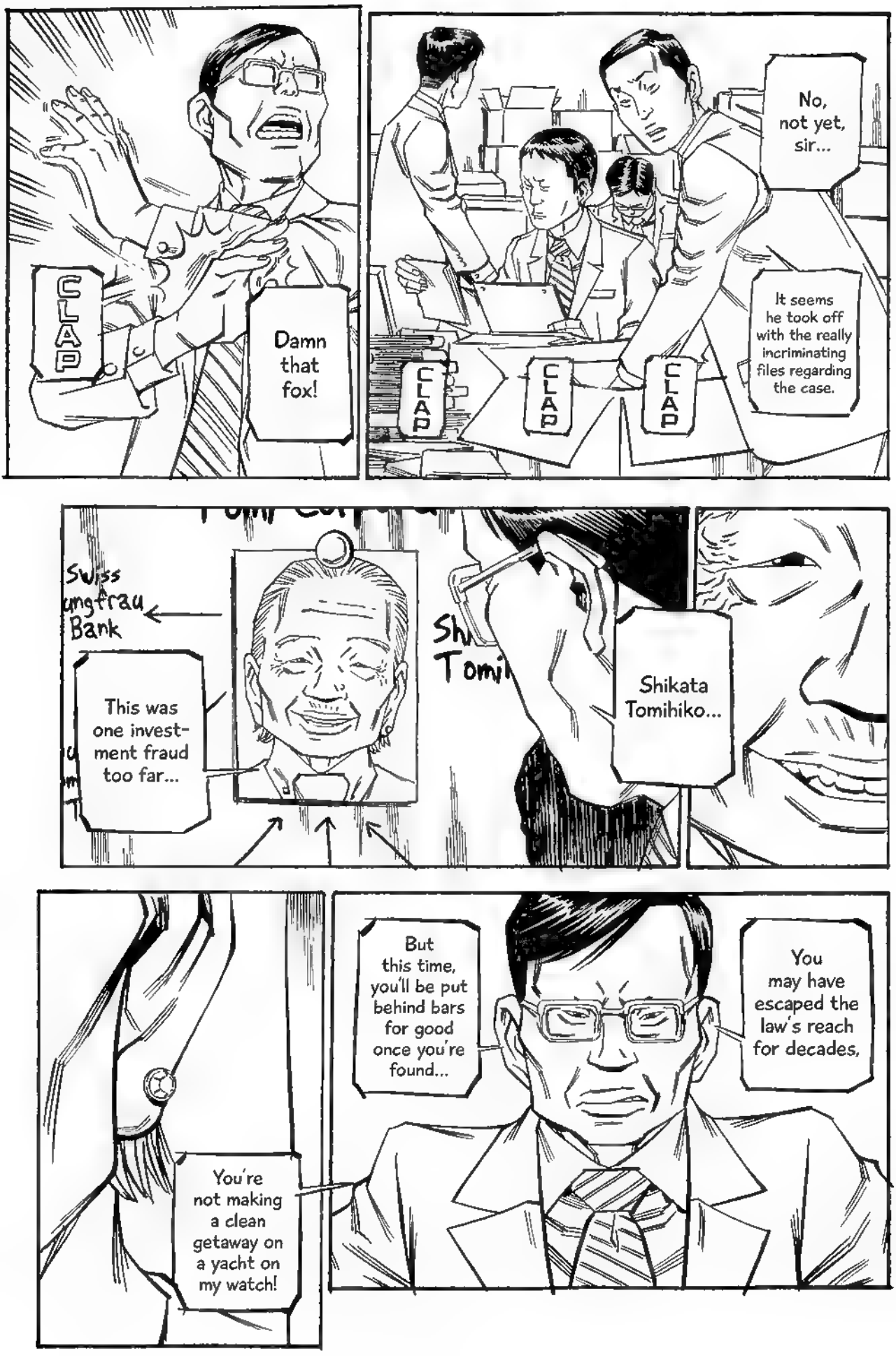
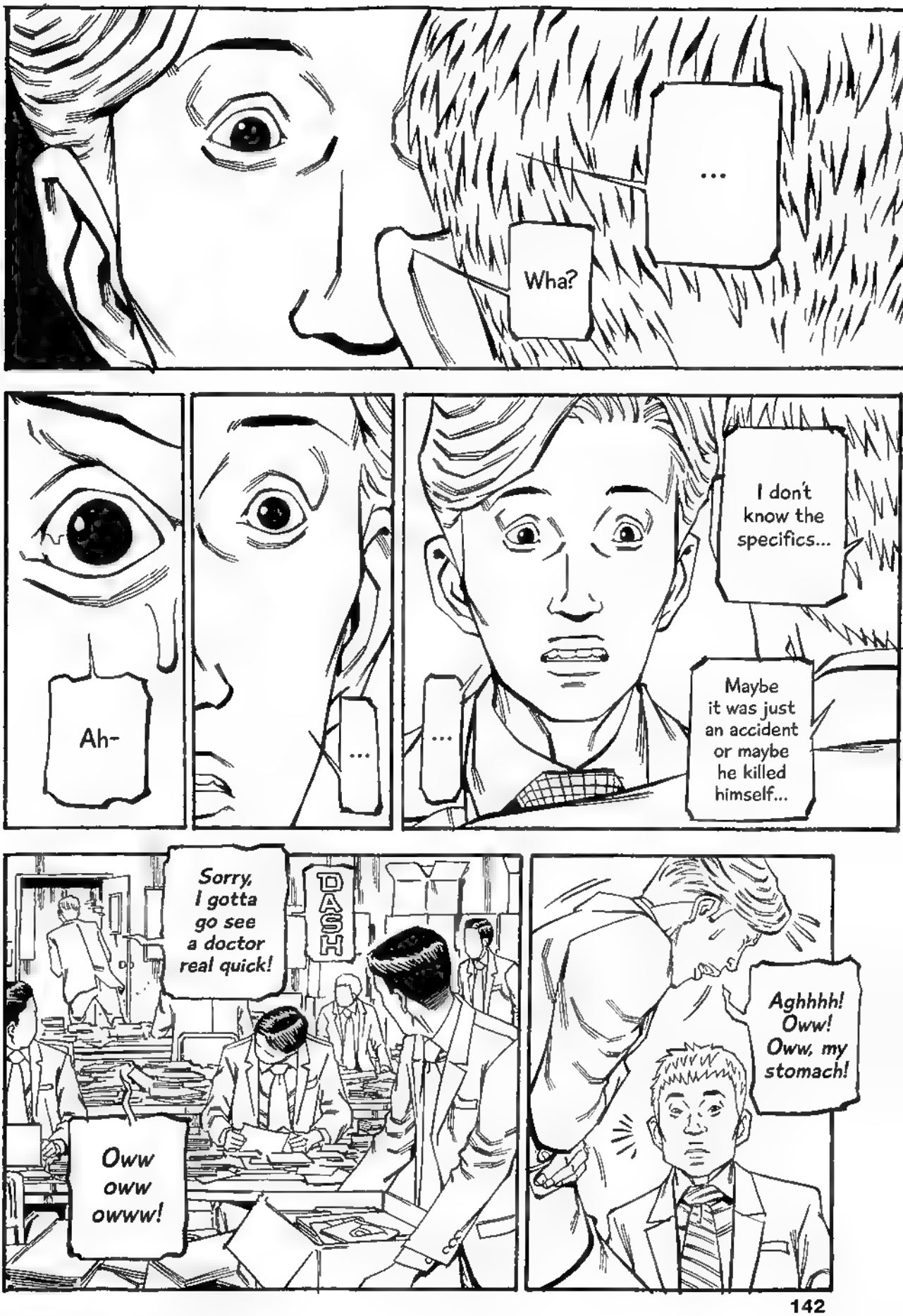
CLAP


BLOCK 3-19
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
What's going on?
Have they still not found his yacht yet?
1
Find any good evidence?
And? How're things on your end?
Tomi Corporatio
Swiss Jungfrau Bank
Dummy Company "TBB"
Shikata Tomihiko
I had to kiss the prefectural police's ass just to use their chopper, you know!


CLAP
Damn that fox!
No, not yet, sir...
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
It seems he took off with the really incriminating files regarding the case.
Swiss
ungfrau
Bank
This was one invest-ment fraud too far...
Shikata Tomihiko...
You're not making a clean getaway on a yacht on my watch!
But this time, you'll be put behind bars for good once you're found...
You may have escaped the law's reach for decades,

If we still haven't found anything...
...What now though?
So if all the evidence sank, then...
RUB
RUB
RUB
The sea was stormy last night,
RUB
RUB
RUB
N. No, it's nothing... I just... had a lil' stomachache.
From eating too much ice cream and sweets.
Even though you don't appear to be doing much...
You alright? You seem pretty tired as of late,
And you're drooling a bit.
Stop rubbing, Tanaka.
Huh? Am I?

But he then escaped and caused a huge commotion...
Heard he went crazy from working on a case and had to be confined...
I hardly knew what was going on with that baldie...
...Yeah, I did technically work for him but,
You used to work under Yokoi, right?
Oh that reminds me...
WHISPER
WHISPER
I overheard some other guys talking...
This is just a rumour but...
...
BLANCE
They said Yokoi died,
While running from the law.


Wha?
...
Ah-
...
...
I don't know the specifics...
Maybe it was just an accident or maybe he killed himself...
Sorry, I gotta go see a doctor real quick!
DASH
Oww oww owww!
Aghhhh! Oww! Oww, my stomach!

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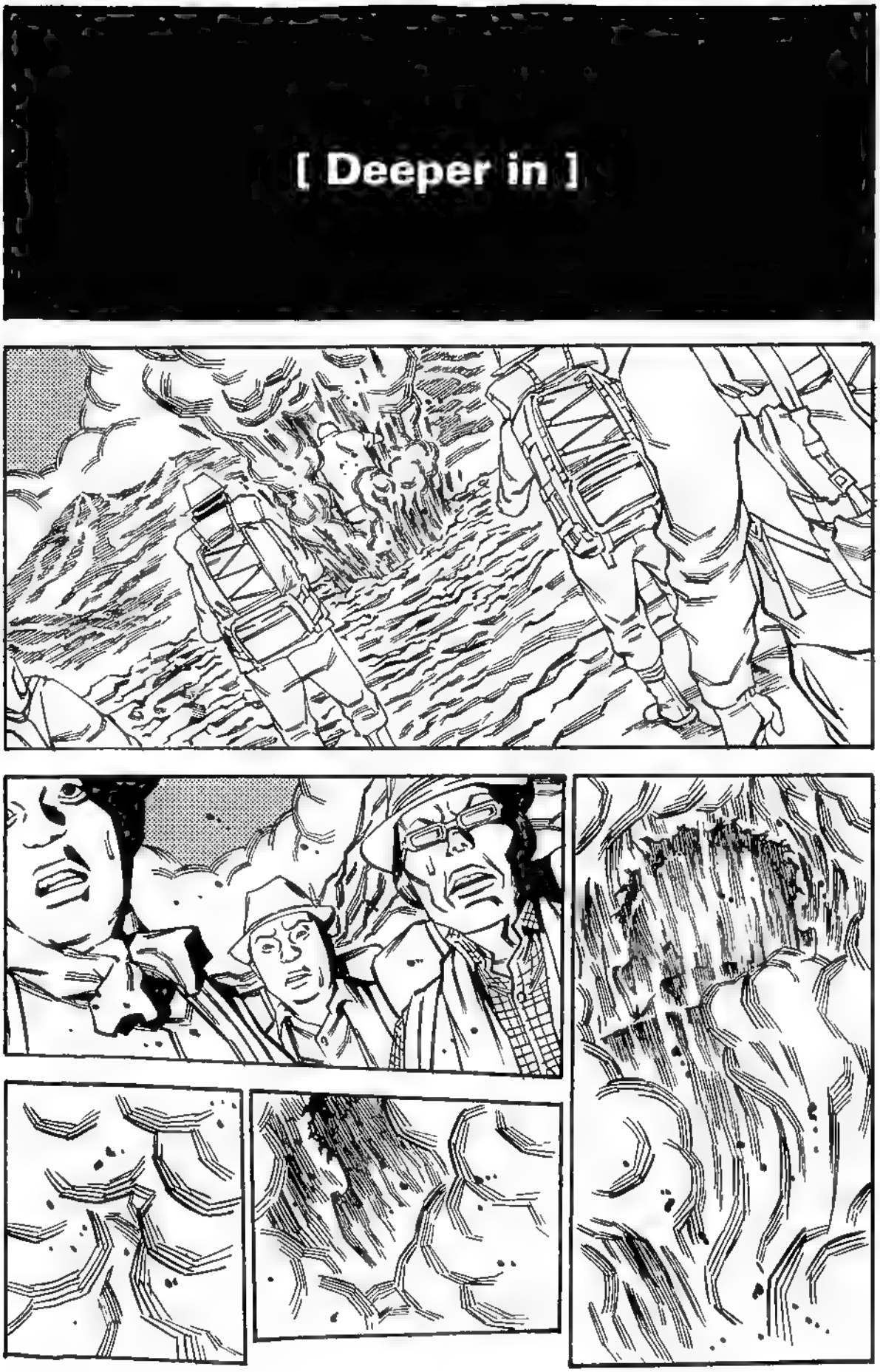
Ahhhh...
Aaa...
GAH HHH!
FLAP
Ack!
Aghh!
Gahh!
Eek!

Why meeee?
RUB RUB
Why did it have to be me who found this?
RUB RUB
RUB RUB
Nooooooo
Nooooooo
Detective Yokoiiiiii!
RUB
What do I dooo...?
RUB
Detective Yokoiiiiii!
What do I doooo!?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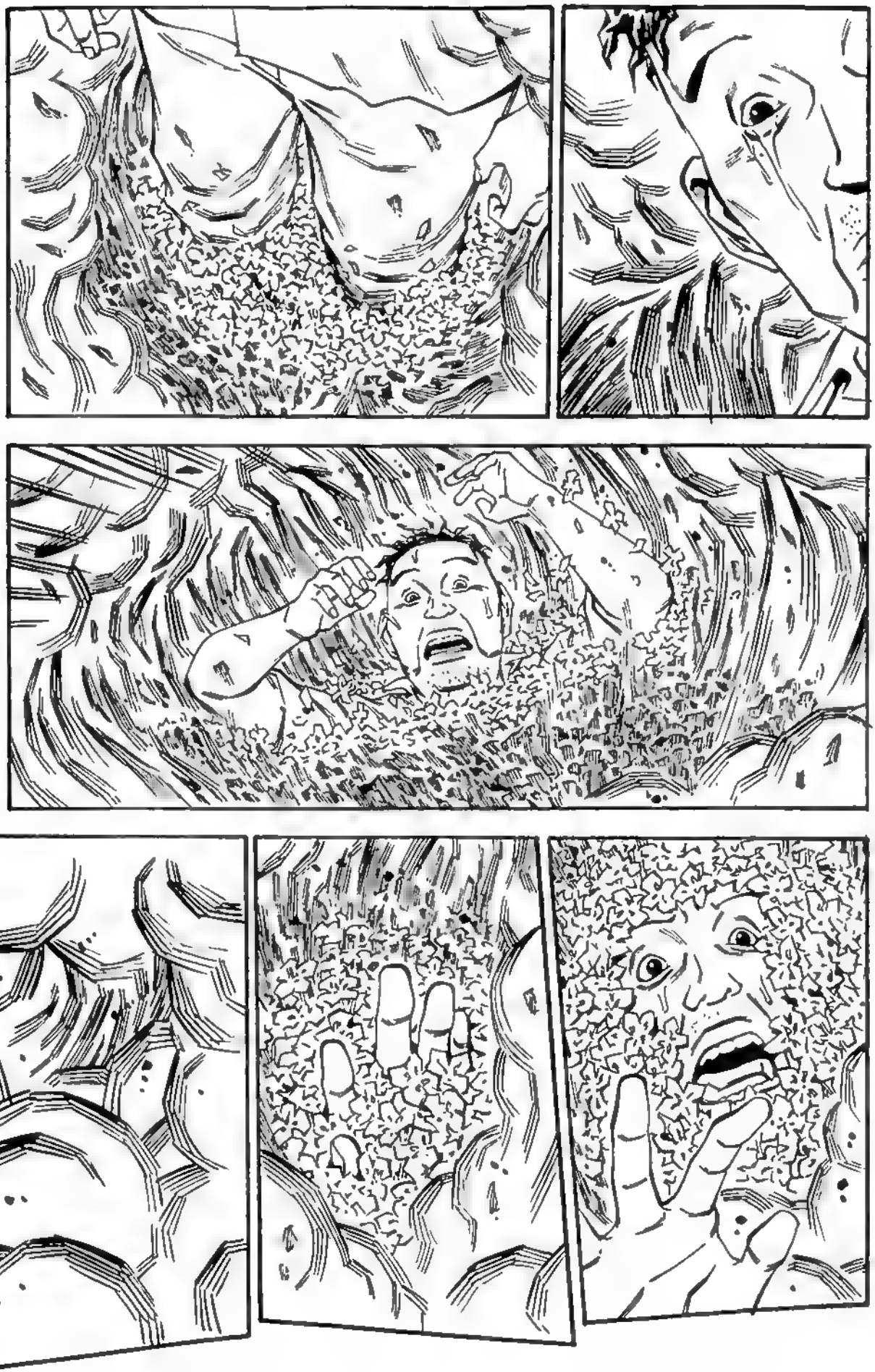
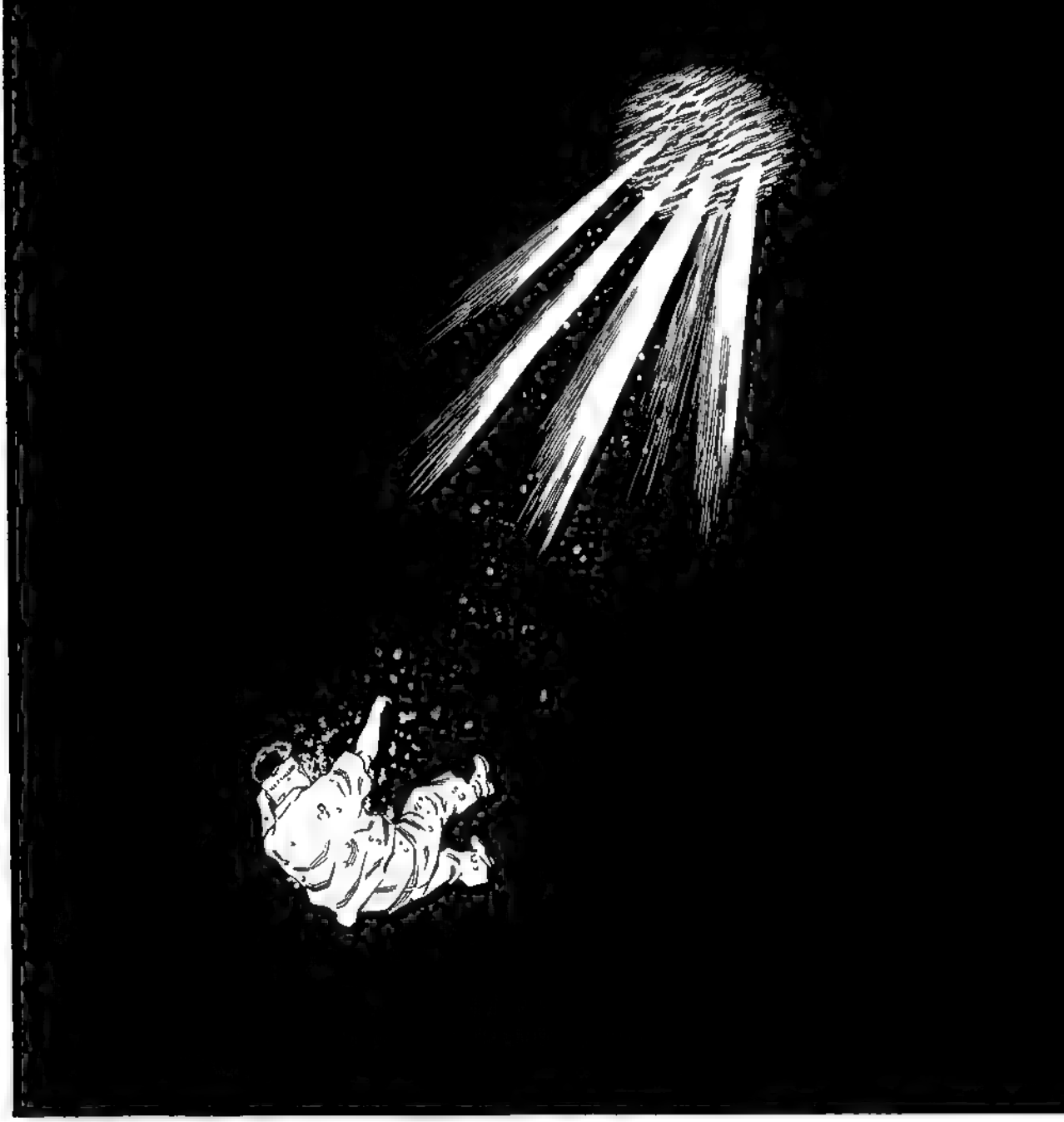
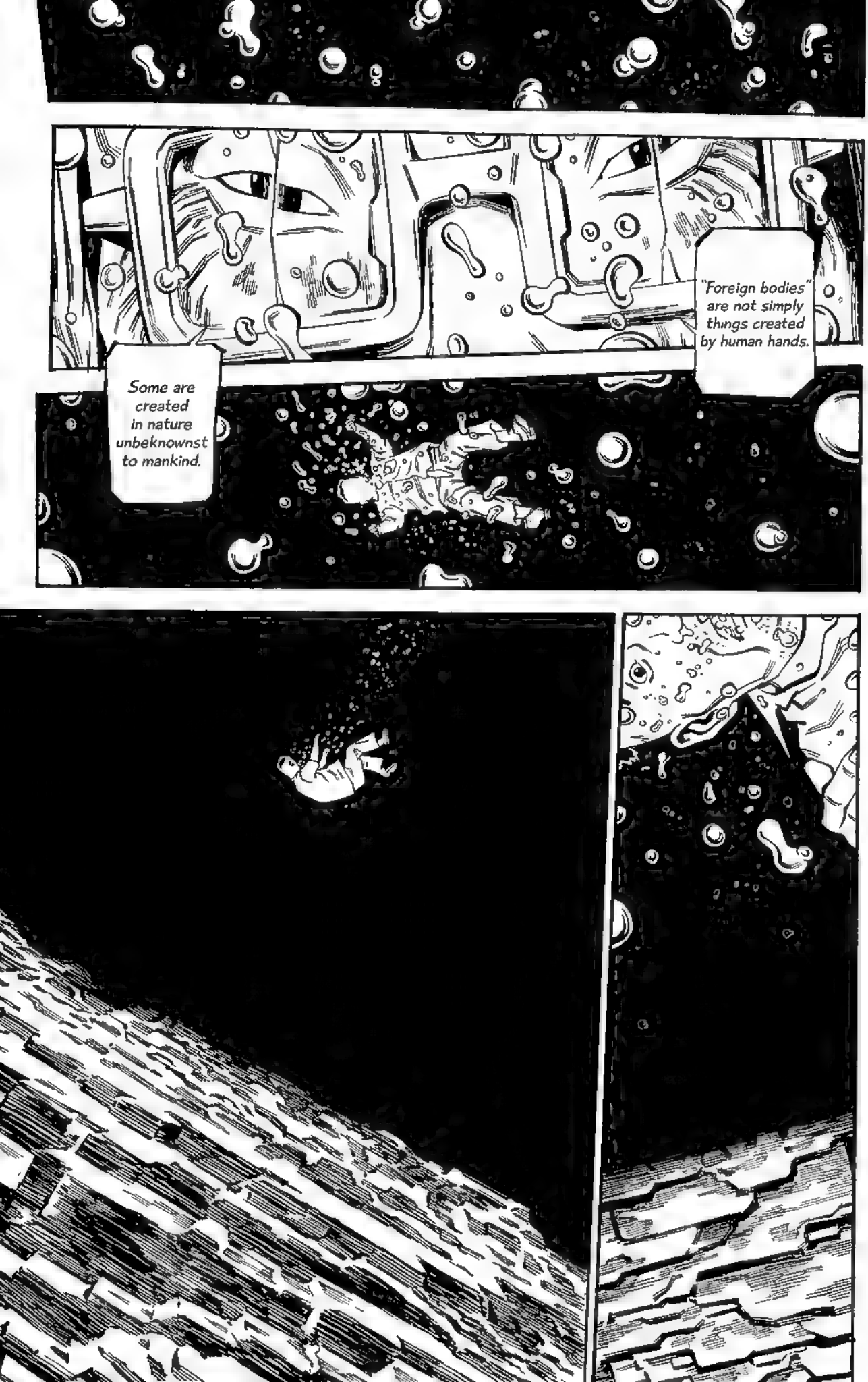
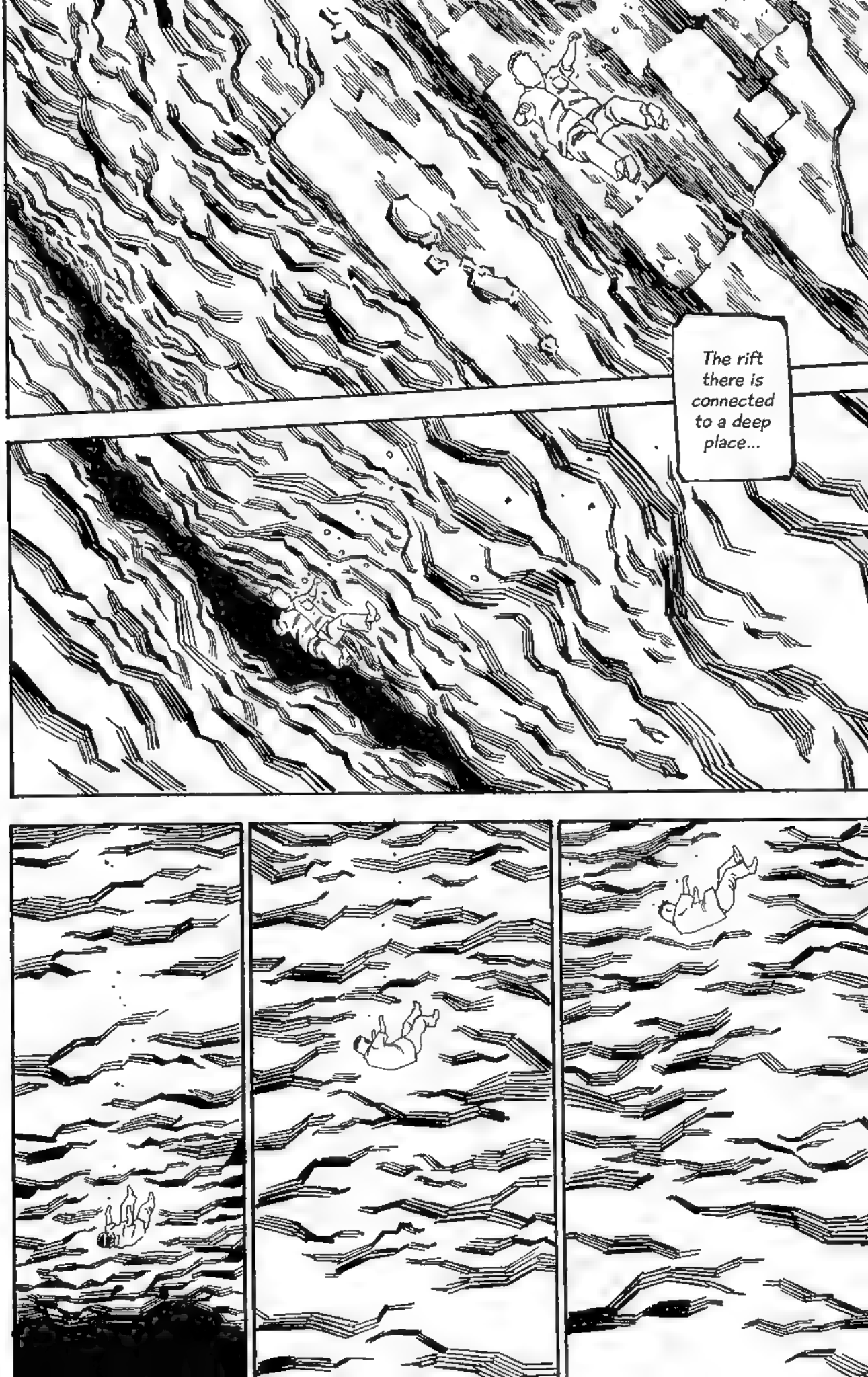
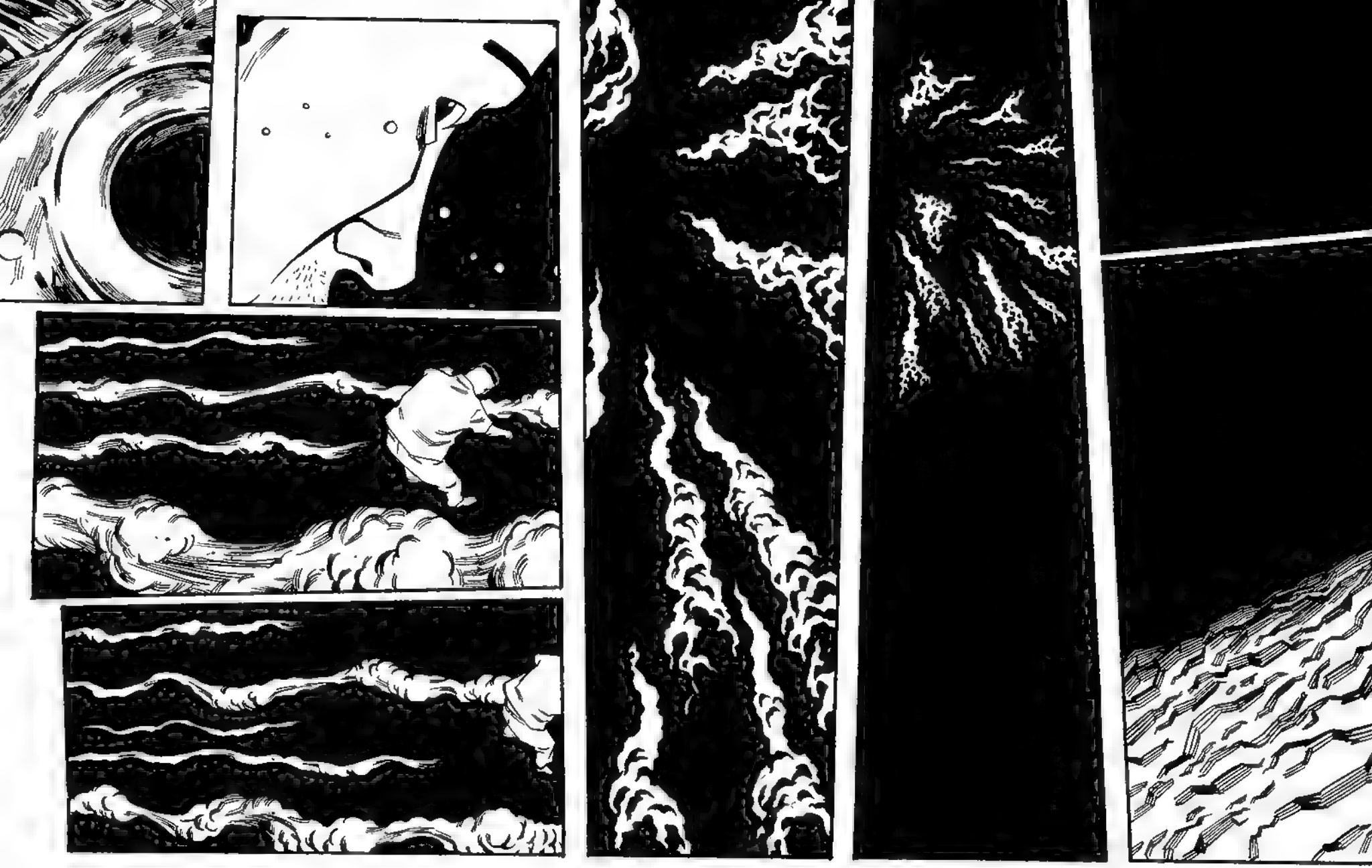
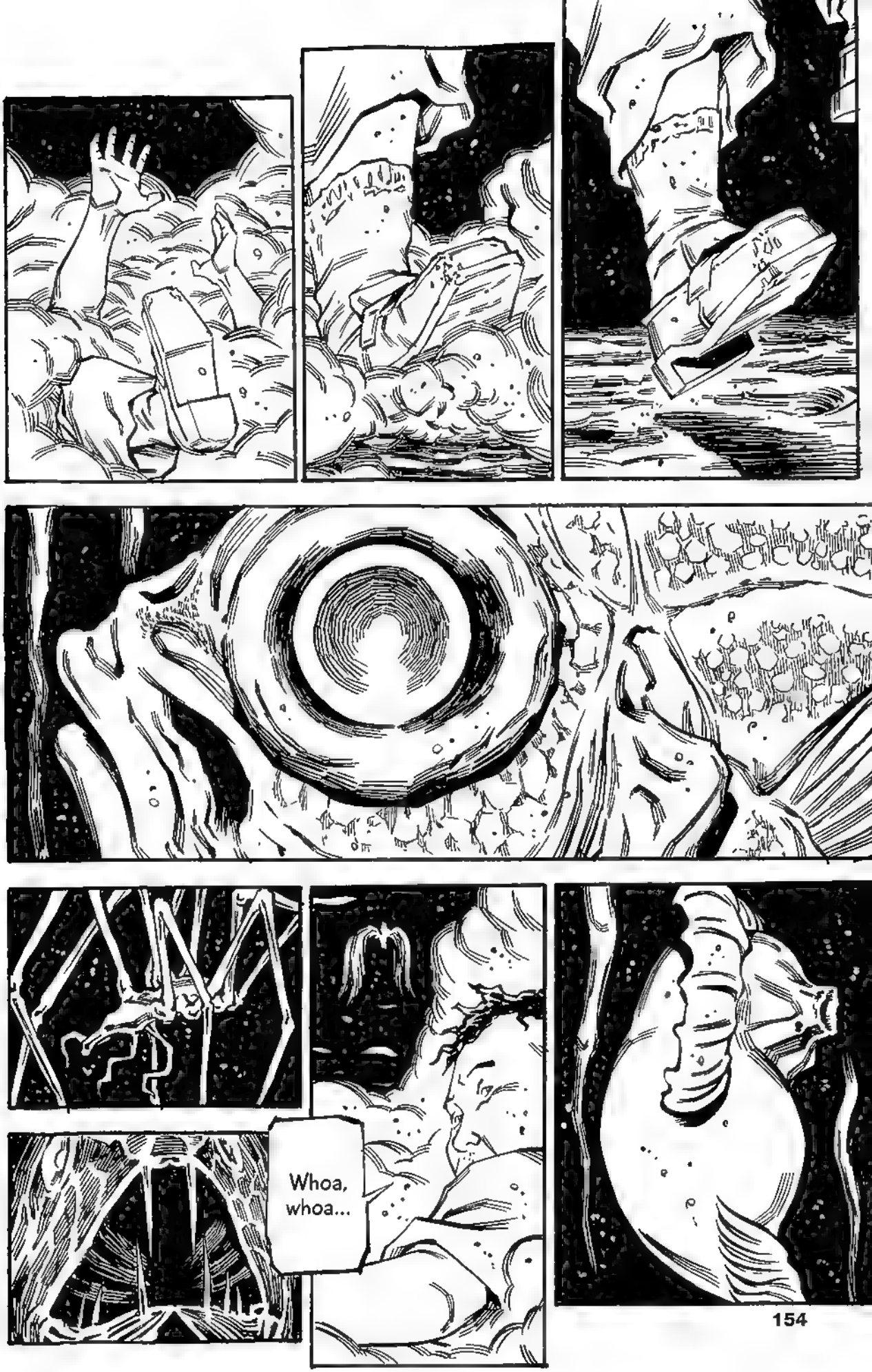





"Foreign bodies" are not simply things created by human hands.
Some are created in nature unbeknownst to mankind.


The rift there is connected to a deep place...

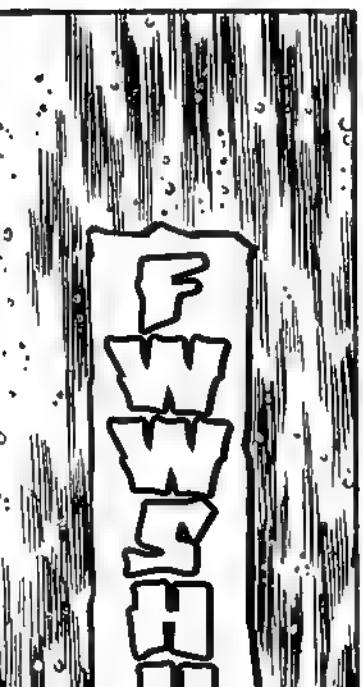



Whoa, whoa...

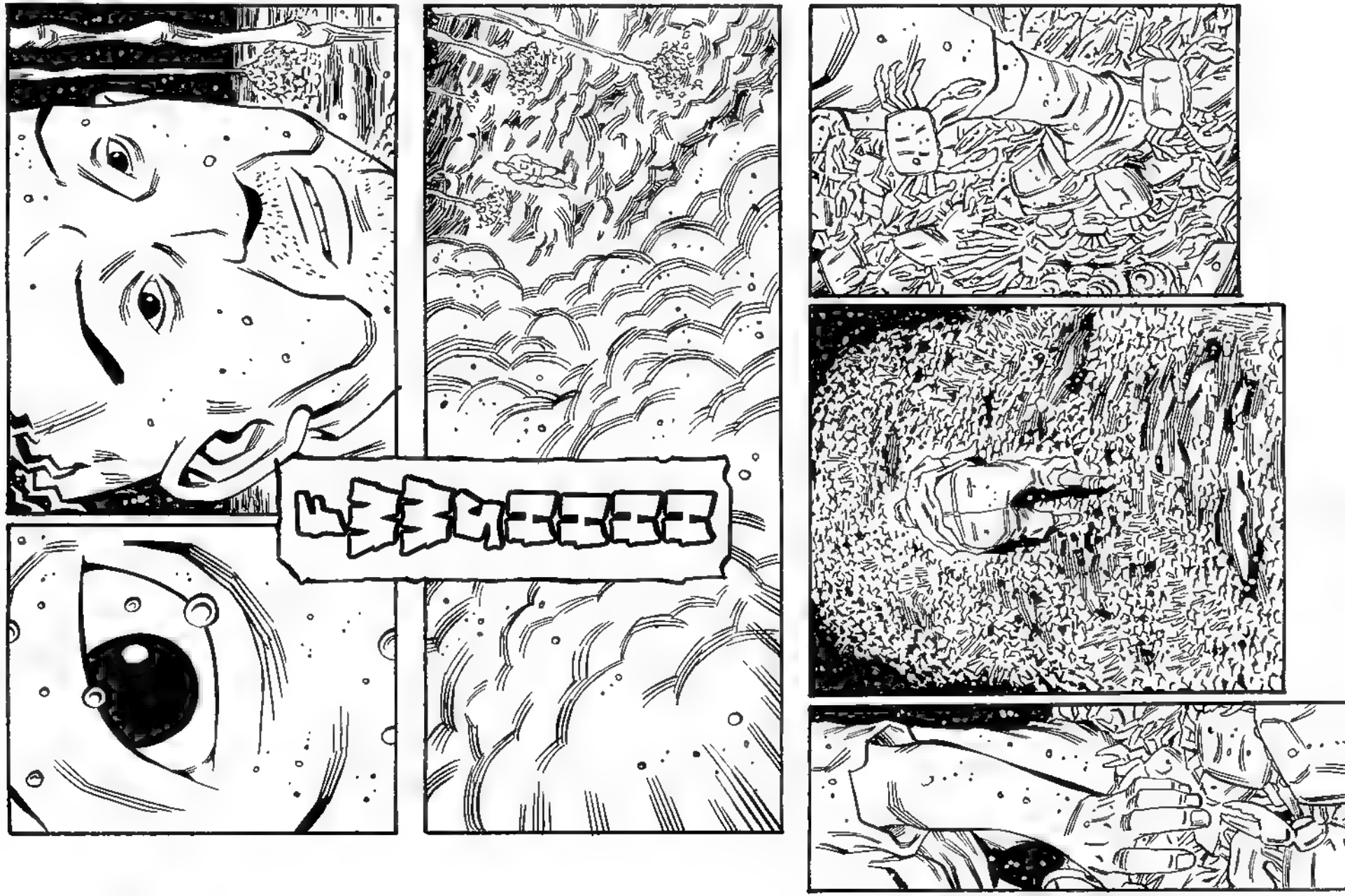
Is this what you meant by "deep?"

Seafloor vents?

BUBBLE
BUBBLE
BUBBLE
BUBBLE


FWWSH

FWWSHHHH

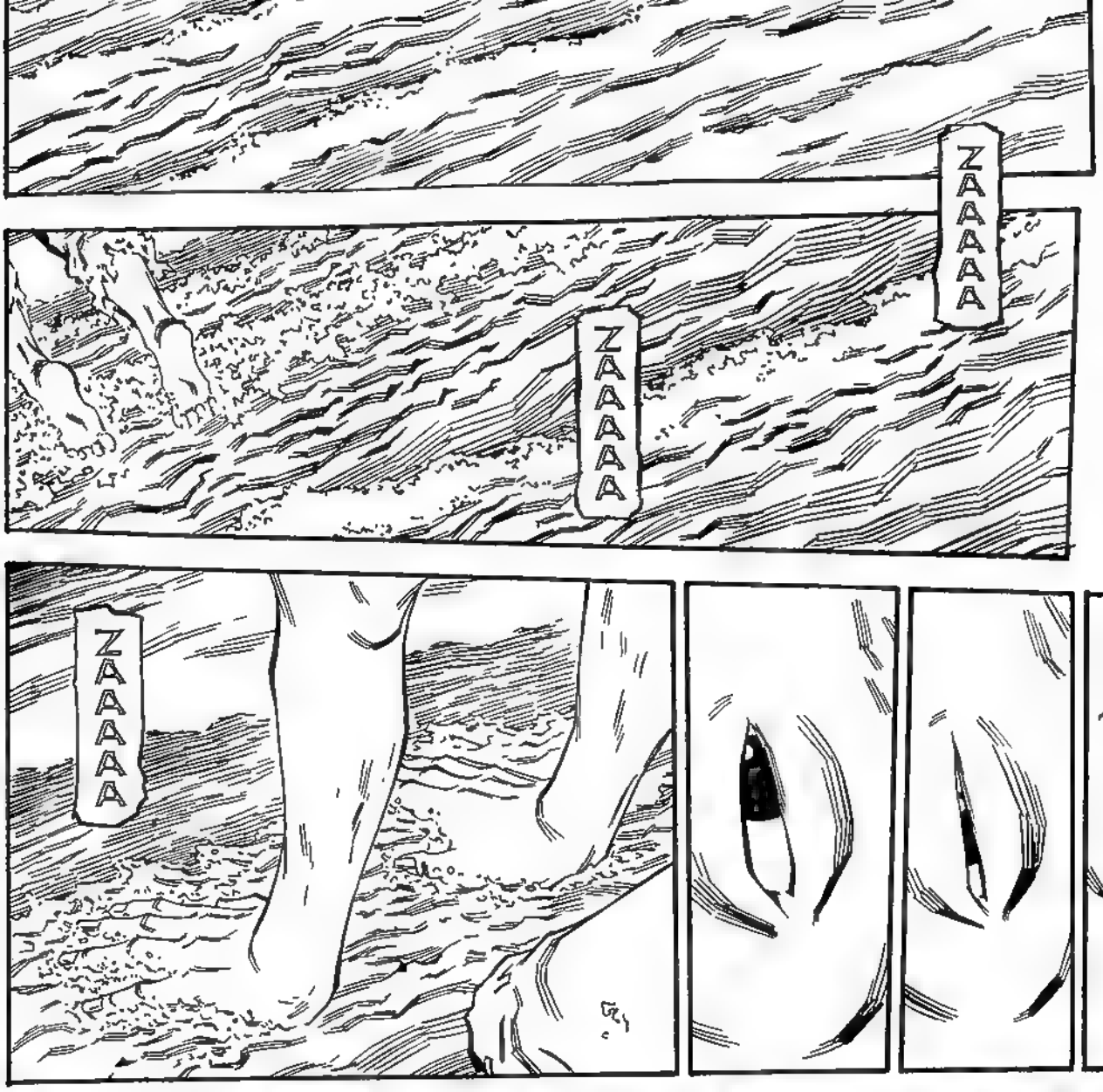


FWWHHHH
FWWHHHH
FWWHHHH

SWIIIIIH
Why...?
I can't sense any heat...
What the hell is this place!?
What am I doing h-
Wait, how am I even breathing underwater!?
How am I even here?
Hang on.
How can I even withstand the pressure down here?
BUBBLE
PFF AHH!?

N-N-N-NOOOO!
GOTTA THINK...
COME BACK TO MYSELF...
BUBBLE
BUBBLE
ARRR GHHHH!
BUBBLE
BUBBLE
BUBBLE
AGHH HHH!
ARRGH HHH!
FWWSHH
HOO OOOT!

FWSHH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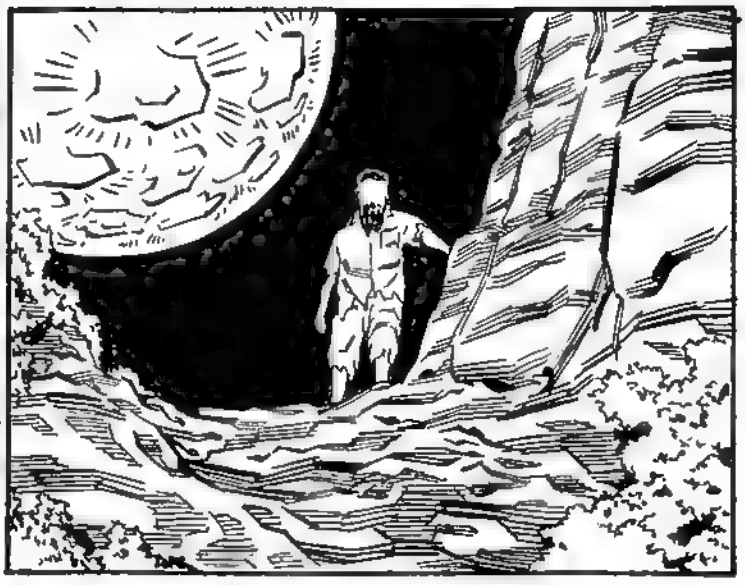

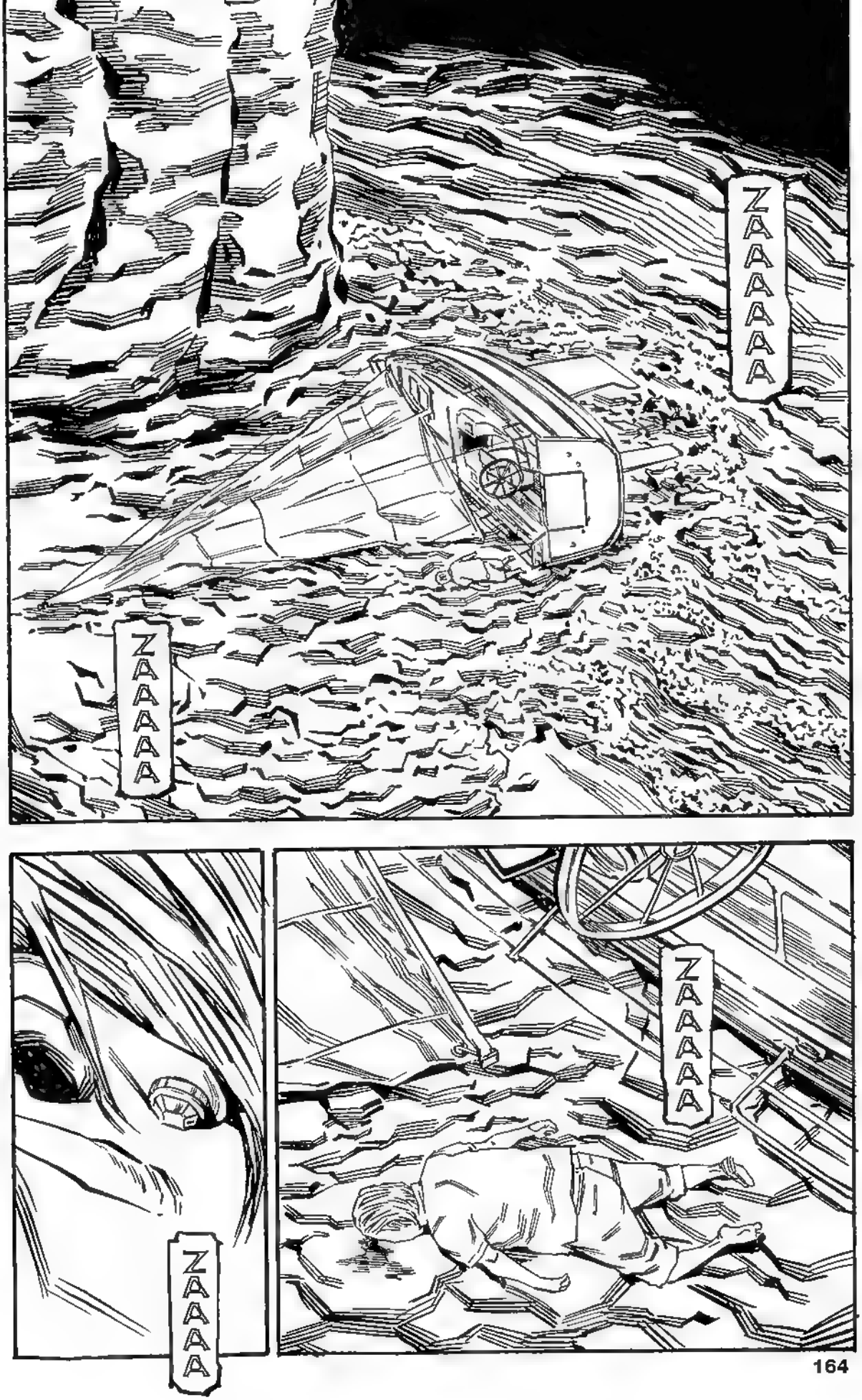
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ヘリコプターのローター音
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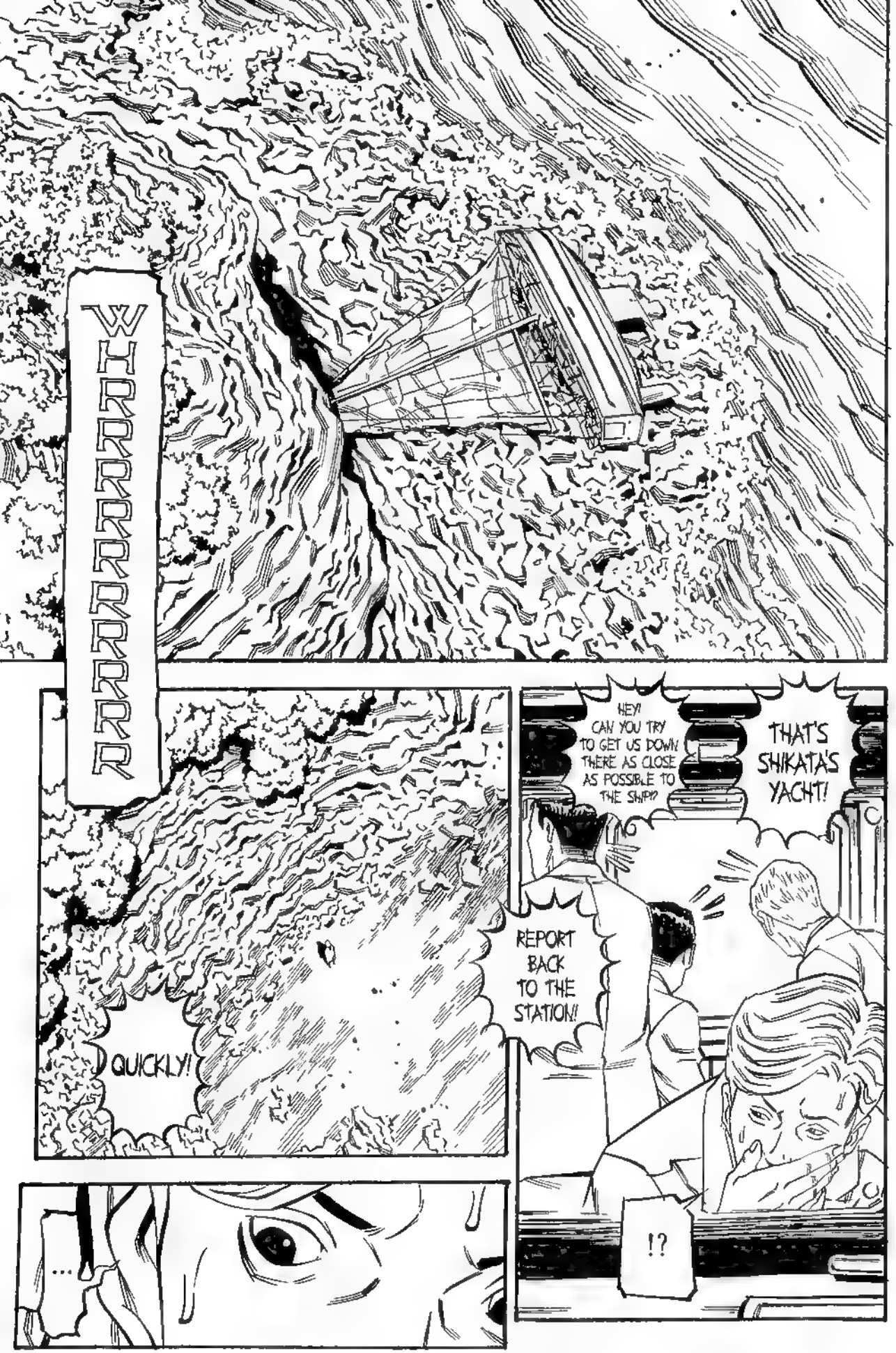
査二課

Huh?
Are you feeling airsick?
Ughh...
RUB RUB
Well just don't throw up since this is the prefectural police's chopper.
Look over there by that rock!
Hey look!
3
WHOOOOOSH
WHOOOOOSH


ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ
QUICKLY!
HEY! CAN YOU TRY TO GET US DOWN THERE AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE SHIP!?
THAT'S SHIKATA'S YACHT!
REPORT BACK TO THE STATION!!
!?
...

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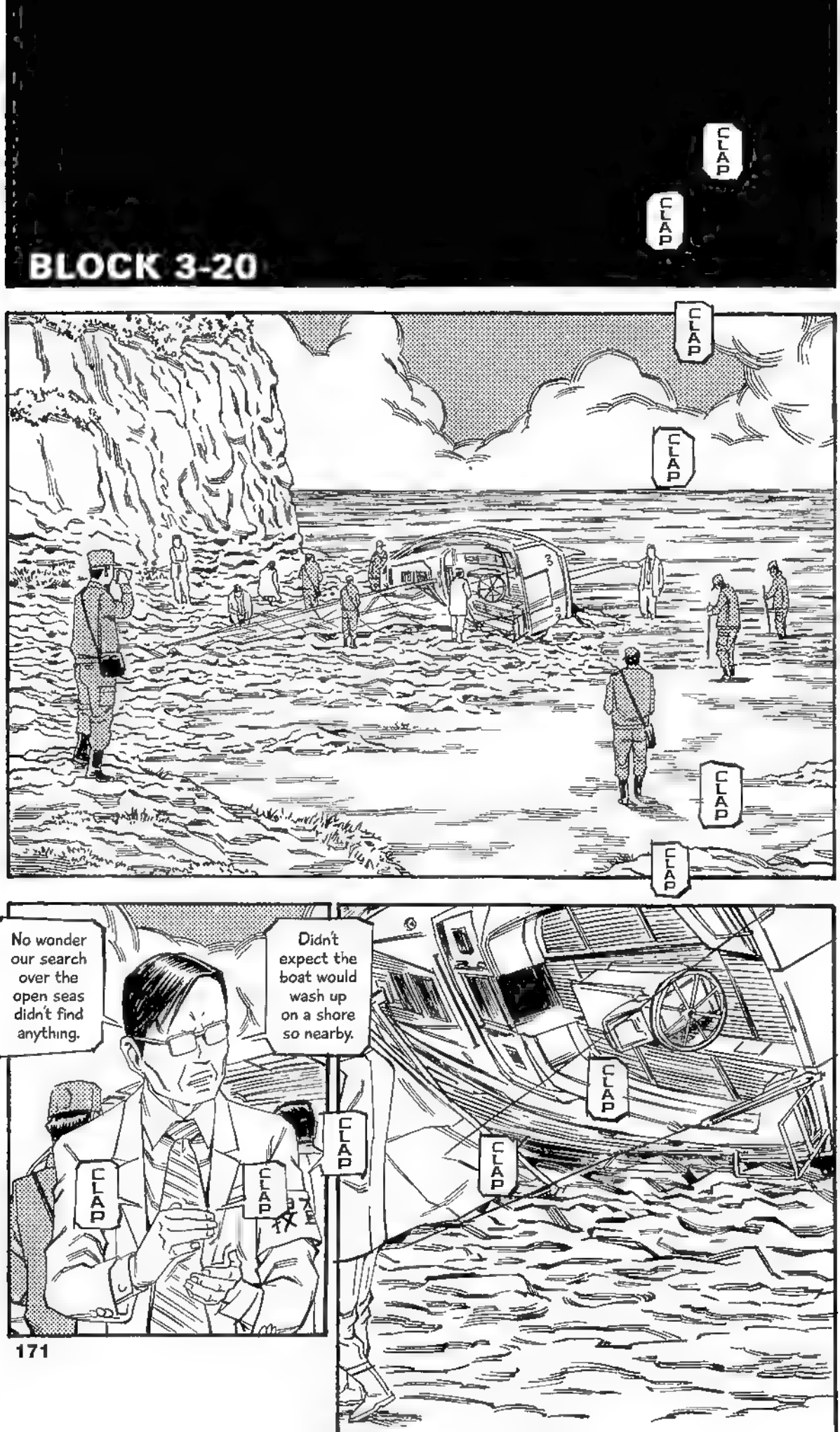
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No wonder our search over the open seas didn't find anything.
Didn't expect the boat would wash up on a shore so nearby.
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CLAP

It seems he really did try to take off with the evidence.
We got here his secret account books and records of money transfer to his dummy companies overseas.
We should be able to now trace the flow of money with this...
Chief, over here.
...But where's the perp himself?
Did he get off and run for land?
No, if that was the case, he would've taken the files.
RUB
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ZAAAAA
Hmm... You think he might've drowned somewhere on the seas?
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RUB
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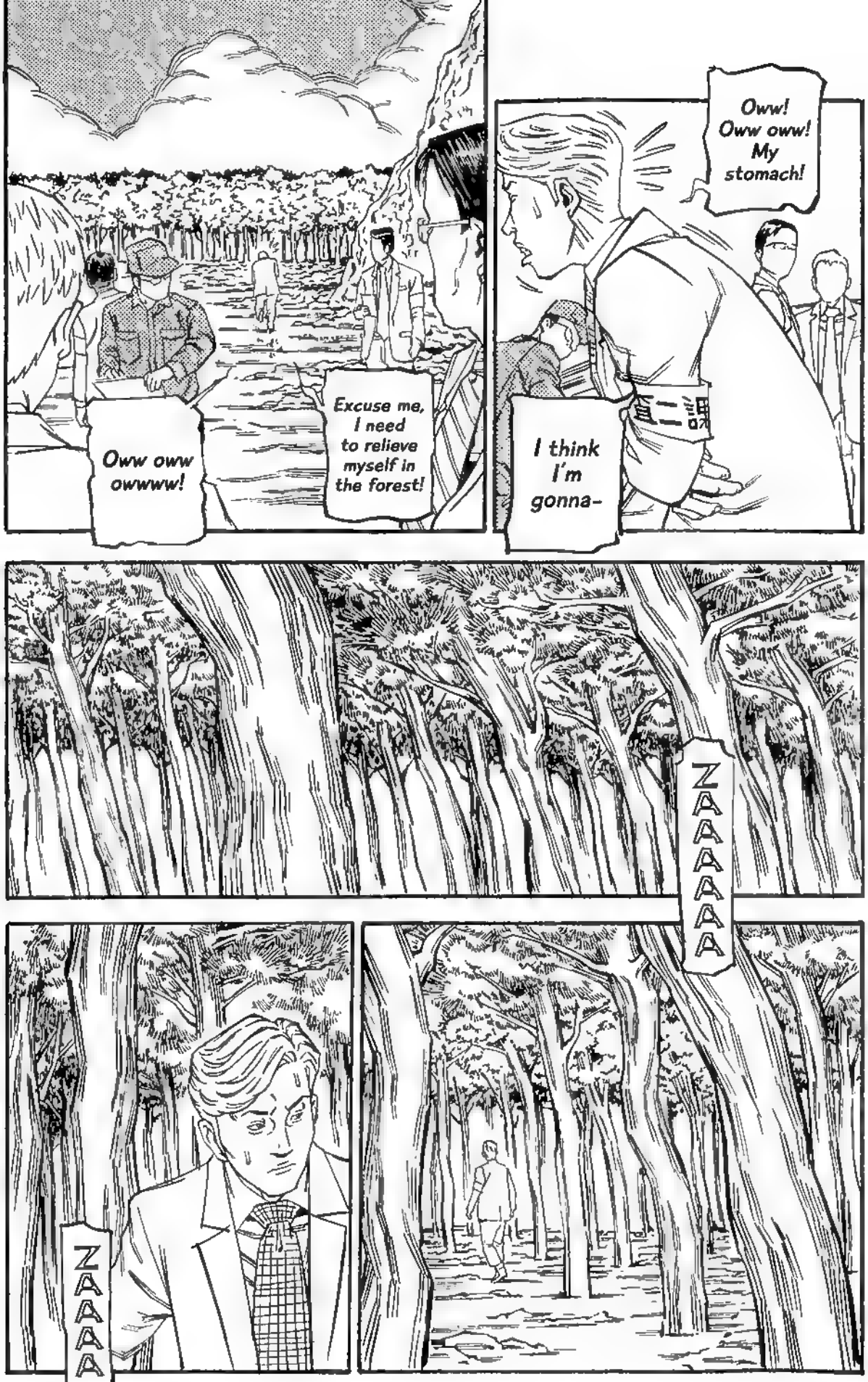
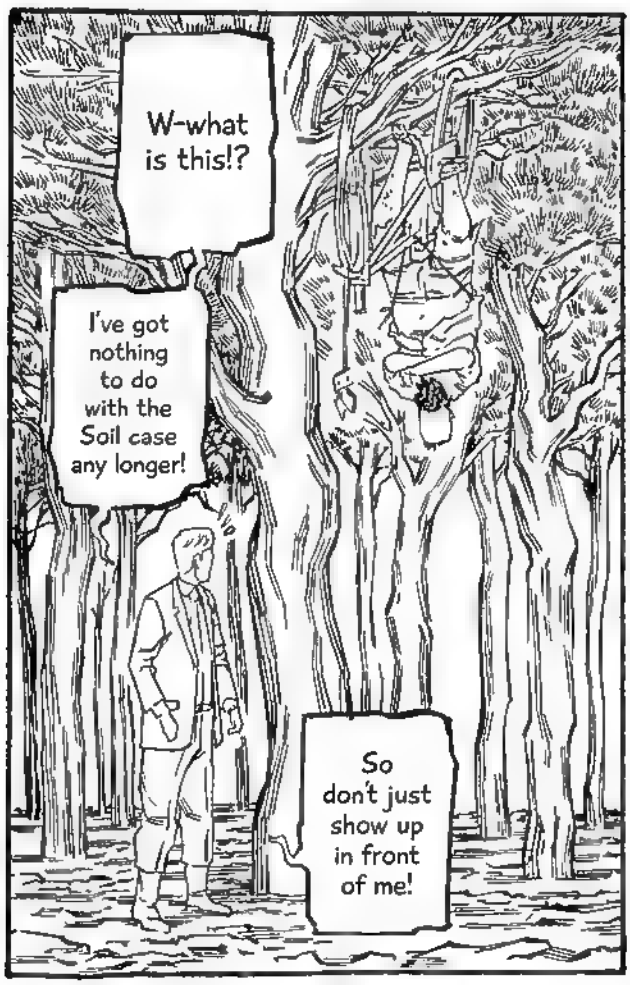
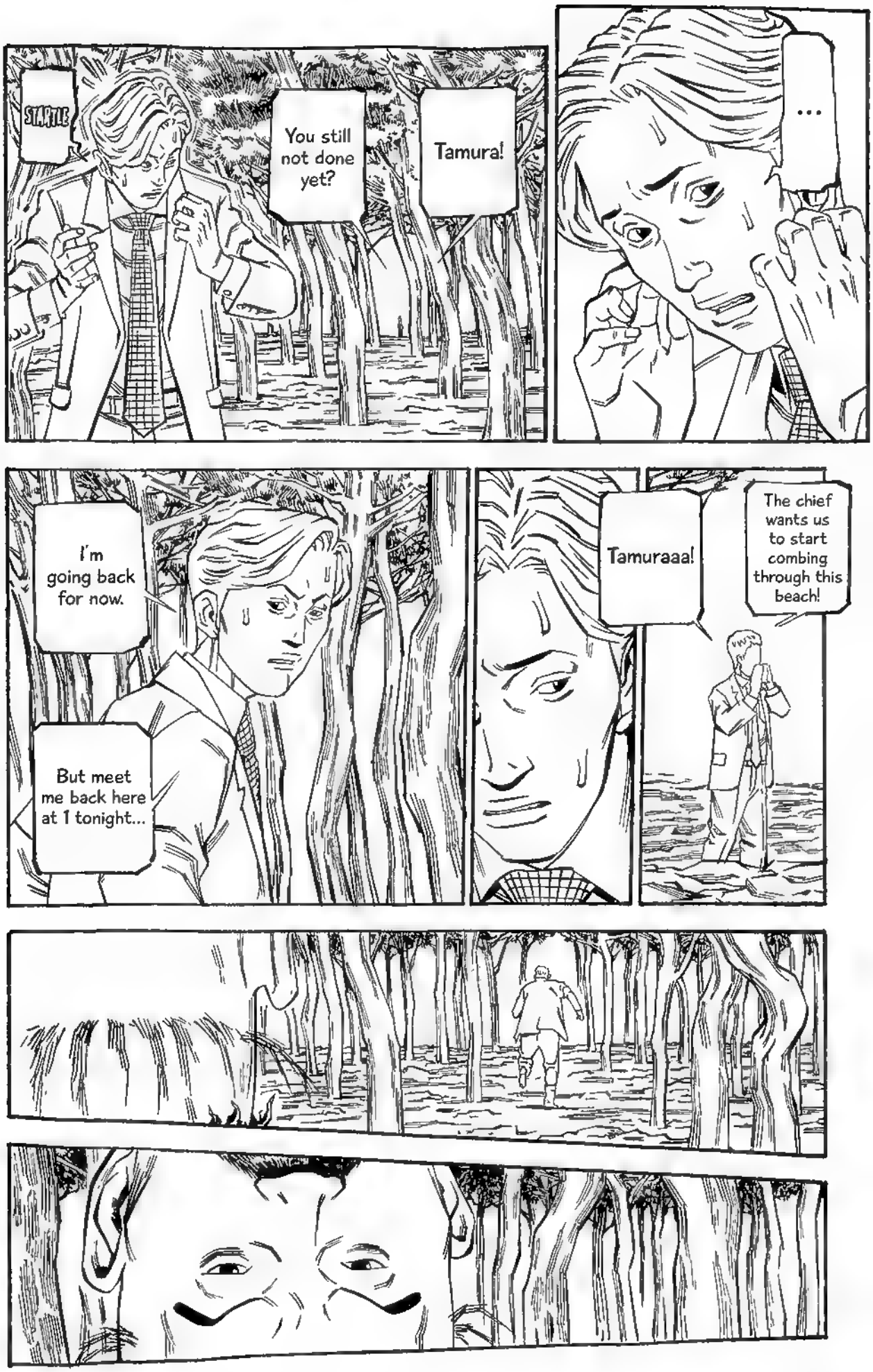

Owww owww!
Excuse me, I need to relieve myself in the forest!
Oww! Oww oww! My stomach!
I think I'm gonna-
ZAAAAA
ZAAAA

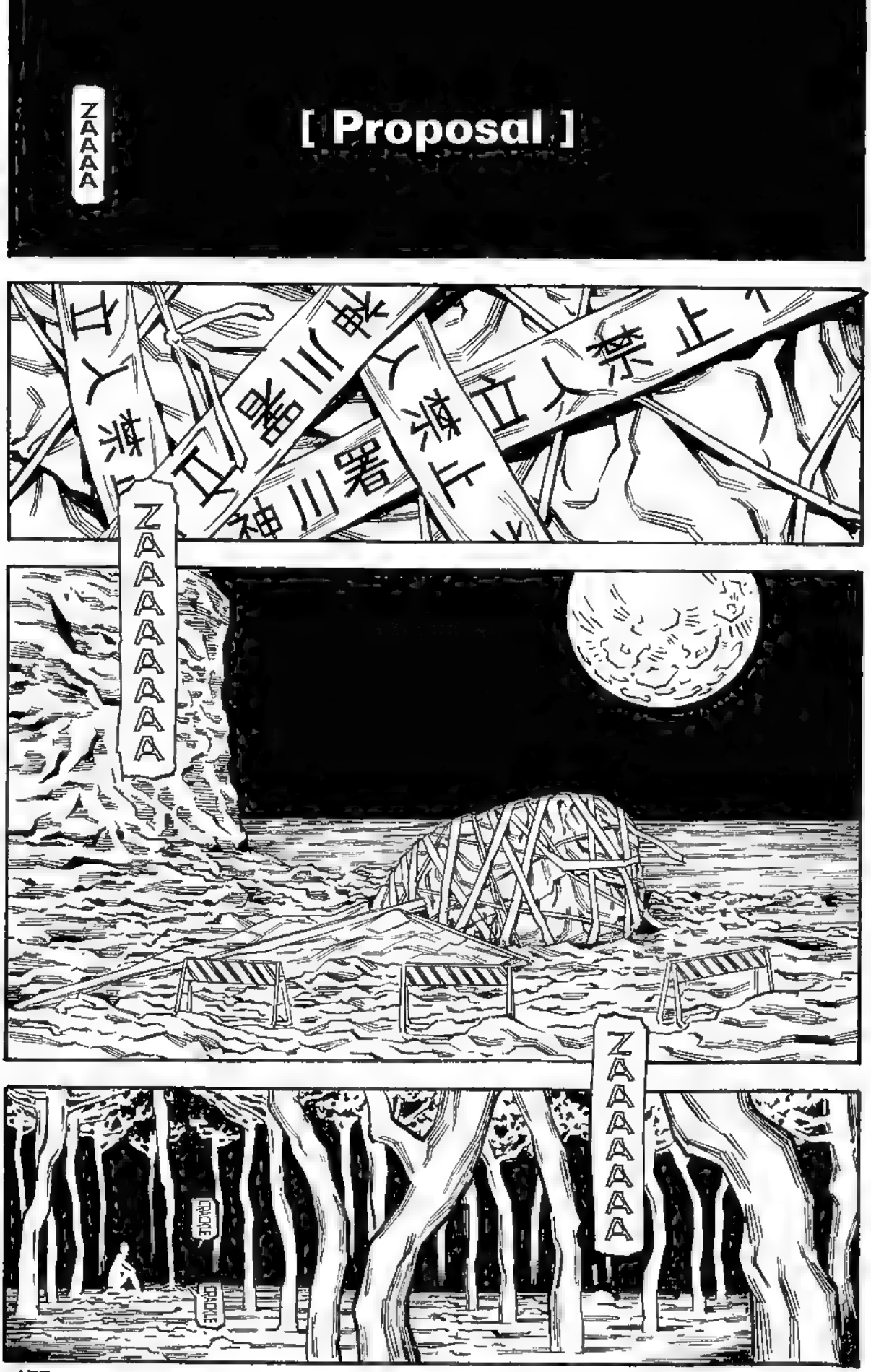
STARTLE
Finally, you're here.

I didn't think you actually died for real but...
I...


W-what is this!?
I've got nothing to do with the Soil case any longer!
So don't just show up in front of me!

You're the one who summoned me to this beach!
That's how I stumbled upon that yacht!
You were the one who called me.
W... What're you talking about!?
There you go on again with your nonsensical babbling...
Aghhh, none of this makes sense! None of it!
Icantnearyou! Icantnearyou!
And just as I suspected, that was when your squad popped up in the skies!
From that, I inferred that this was a "sign!"
And when I took a look inside, I found a ton of files that the investigation department would love to have!
Isn't that why you came into the woods just now!?
So what the hell do you want with me!?


STARTLE
You still not done yet?
Tamura!
...
I'm going back for now.
But meet me back here at 1 tonight...
Tamuraaa!
The chief wants us to start combing through this beach!


ZAAAA
[Proposal]
立入禁止
神川署
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ZAAAAAAA
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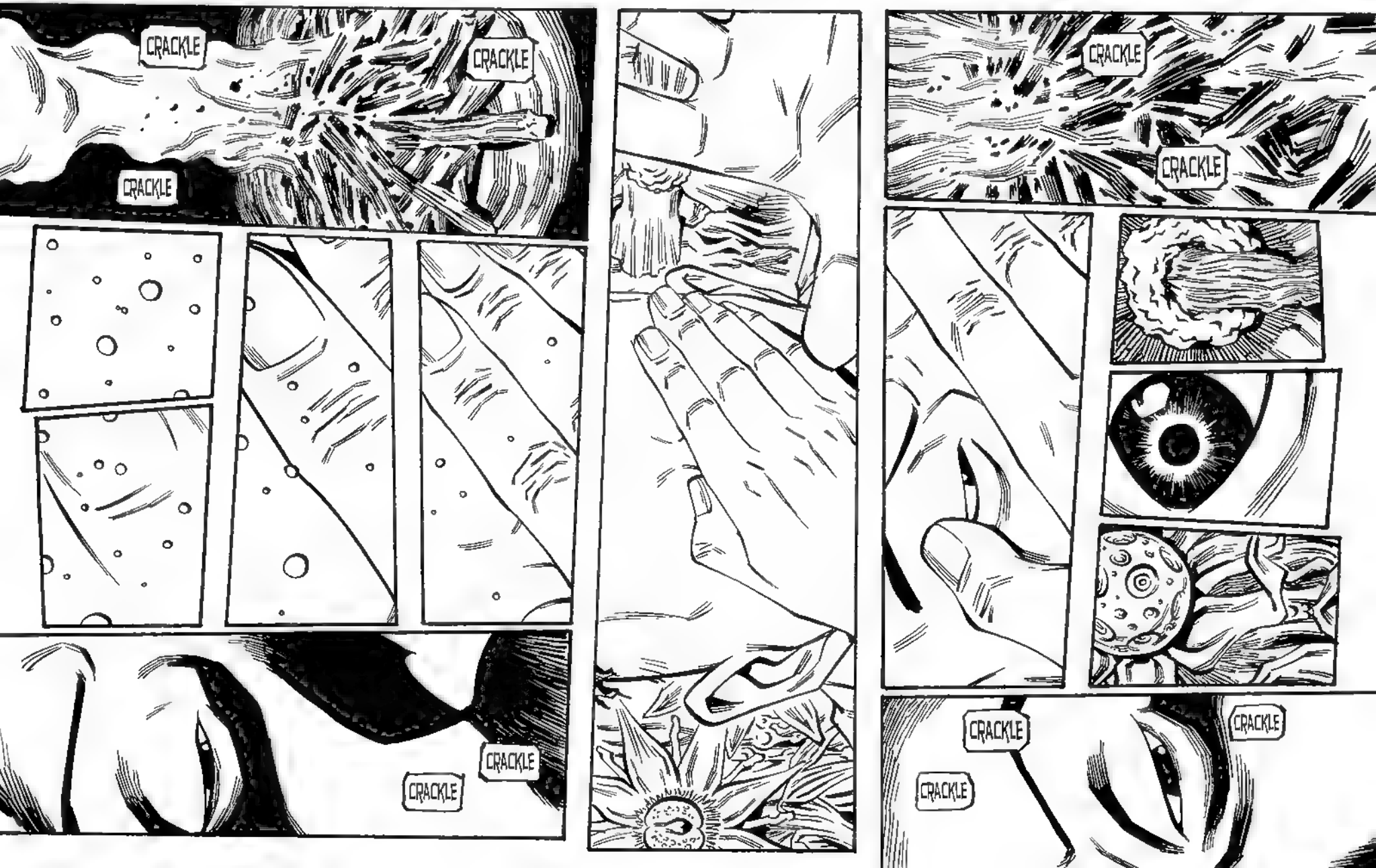
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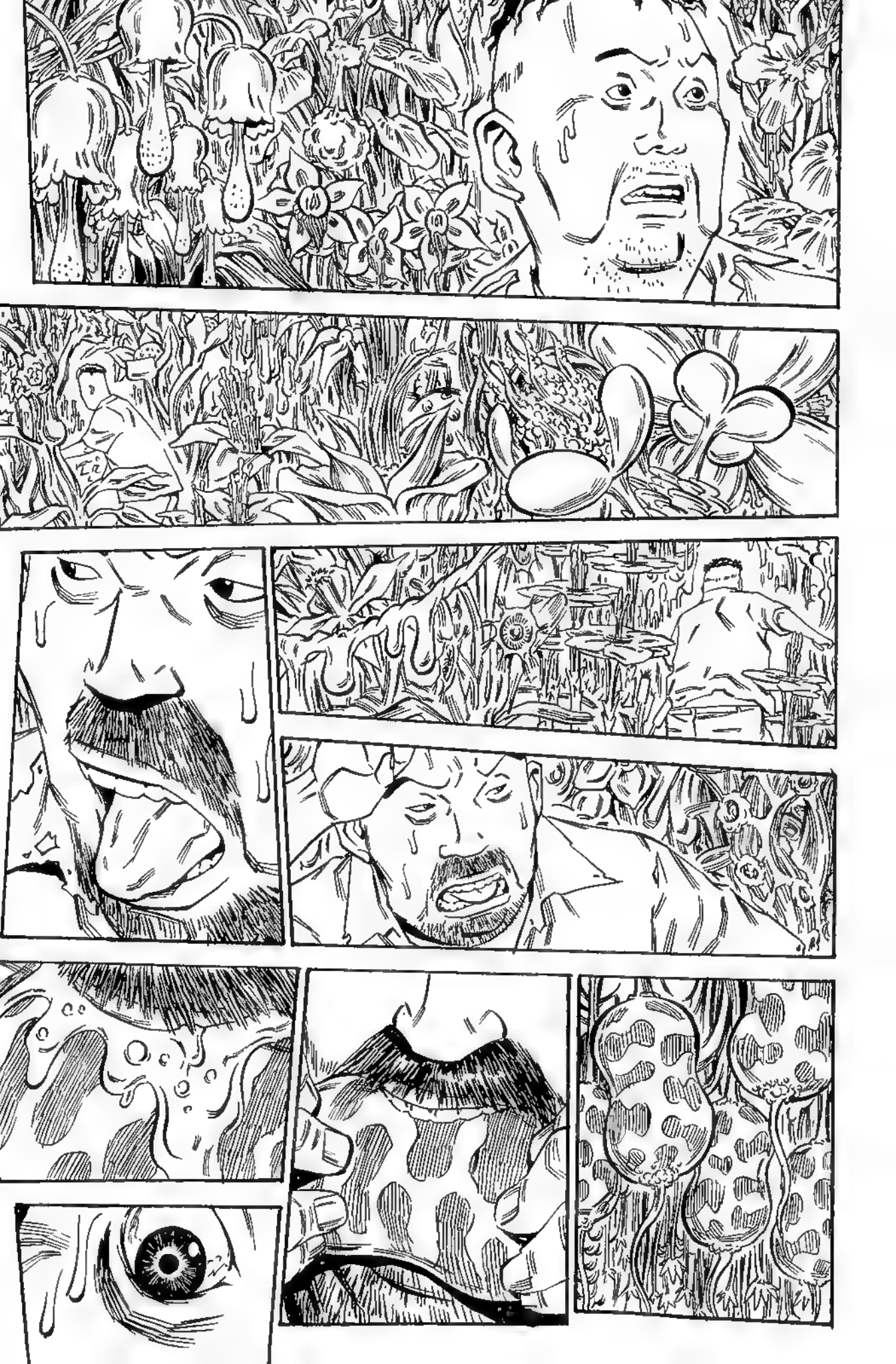

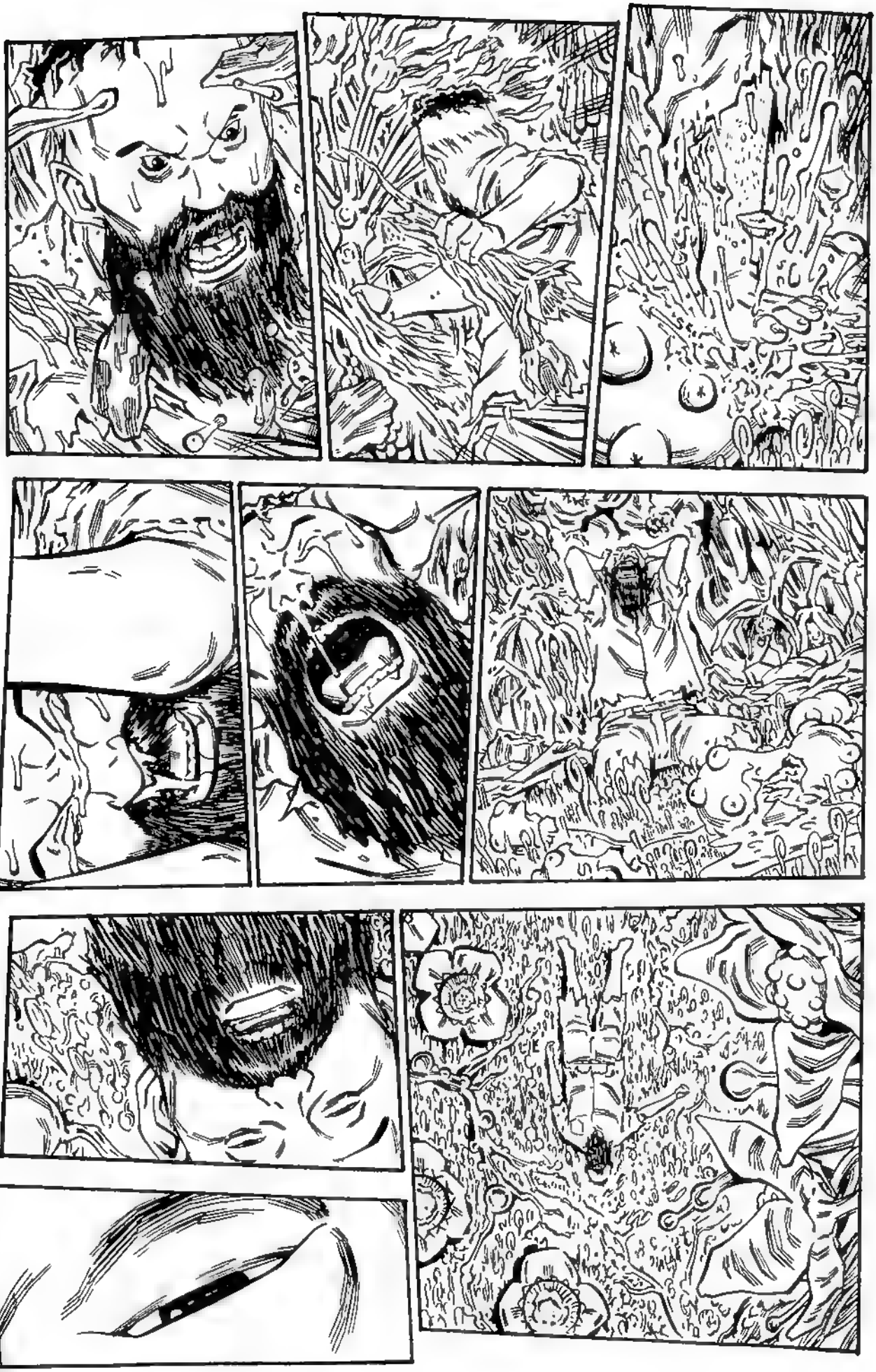

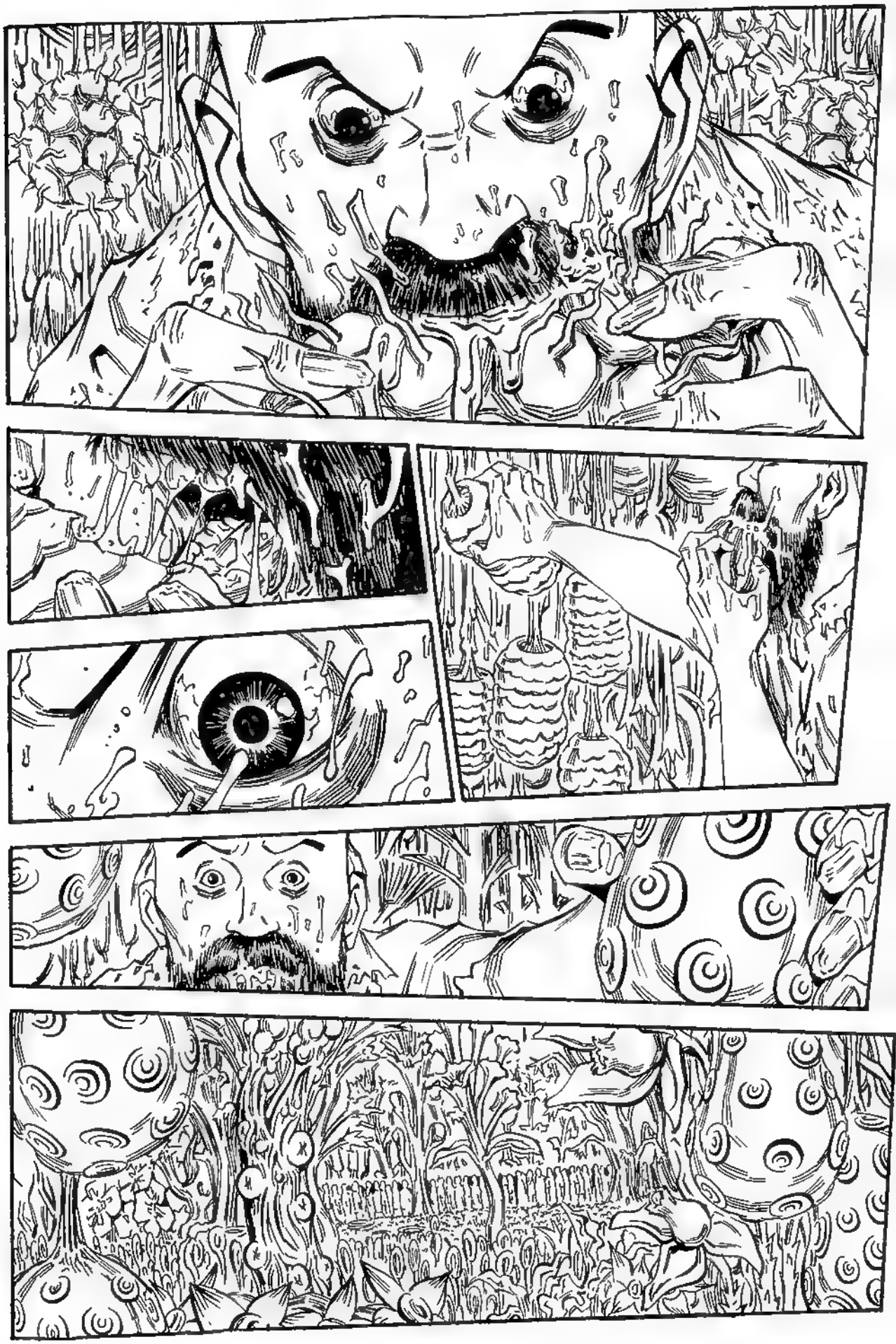

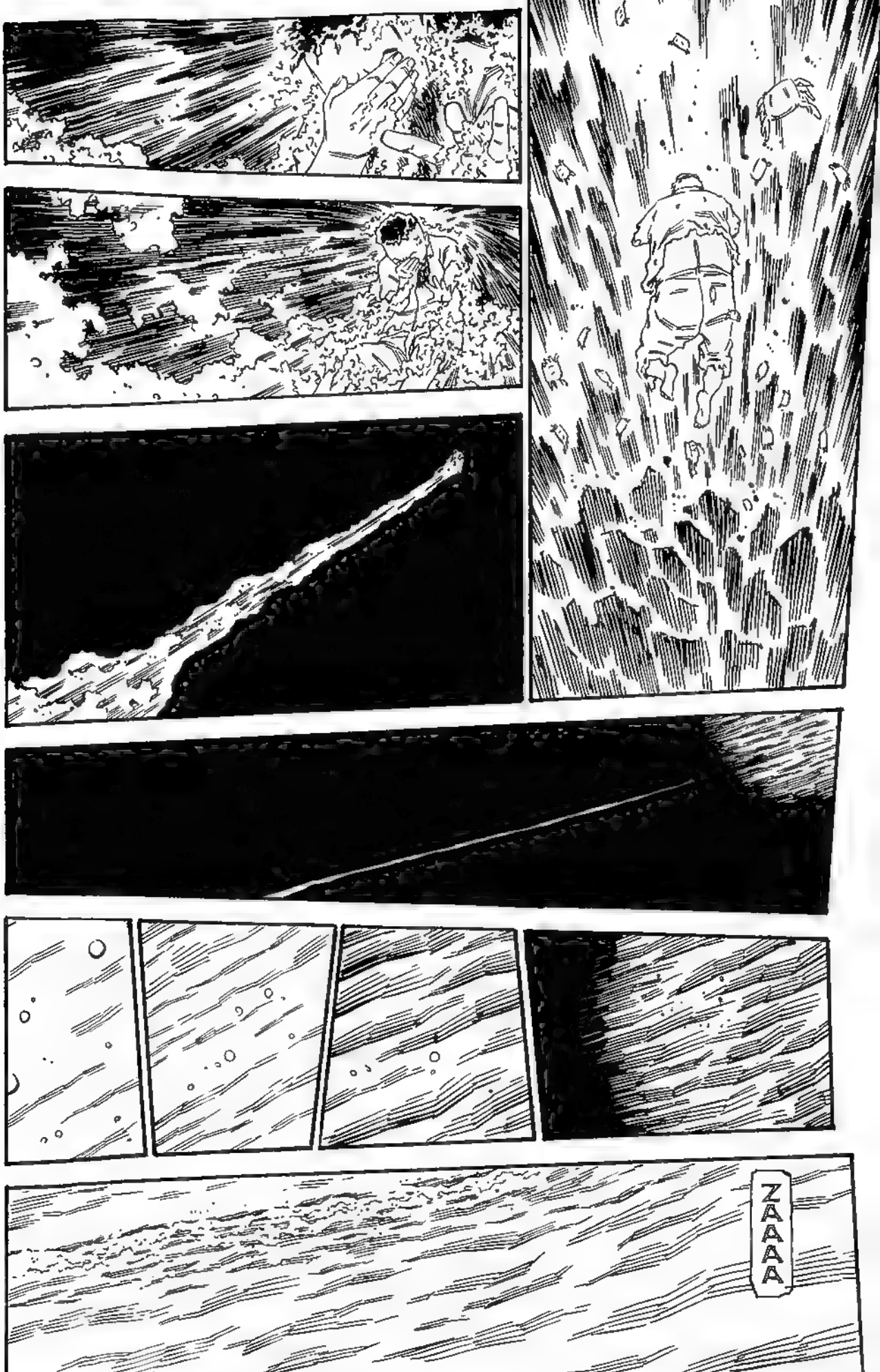
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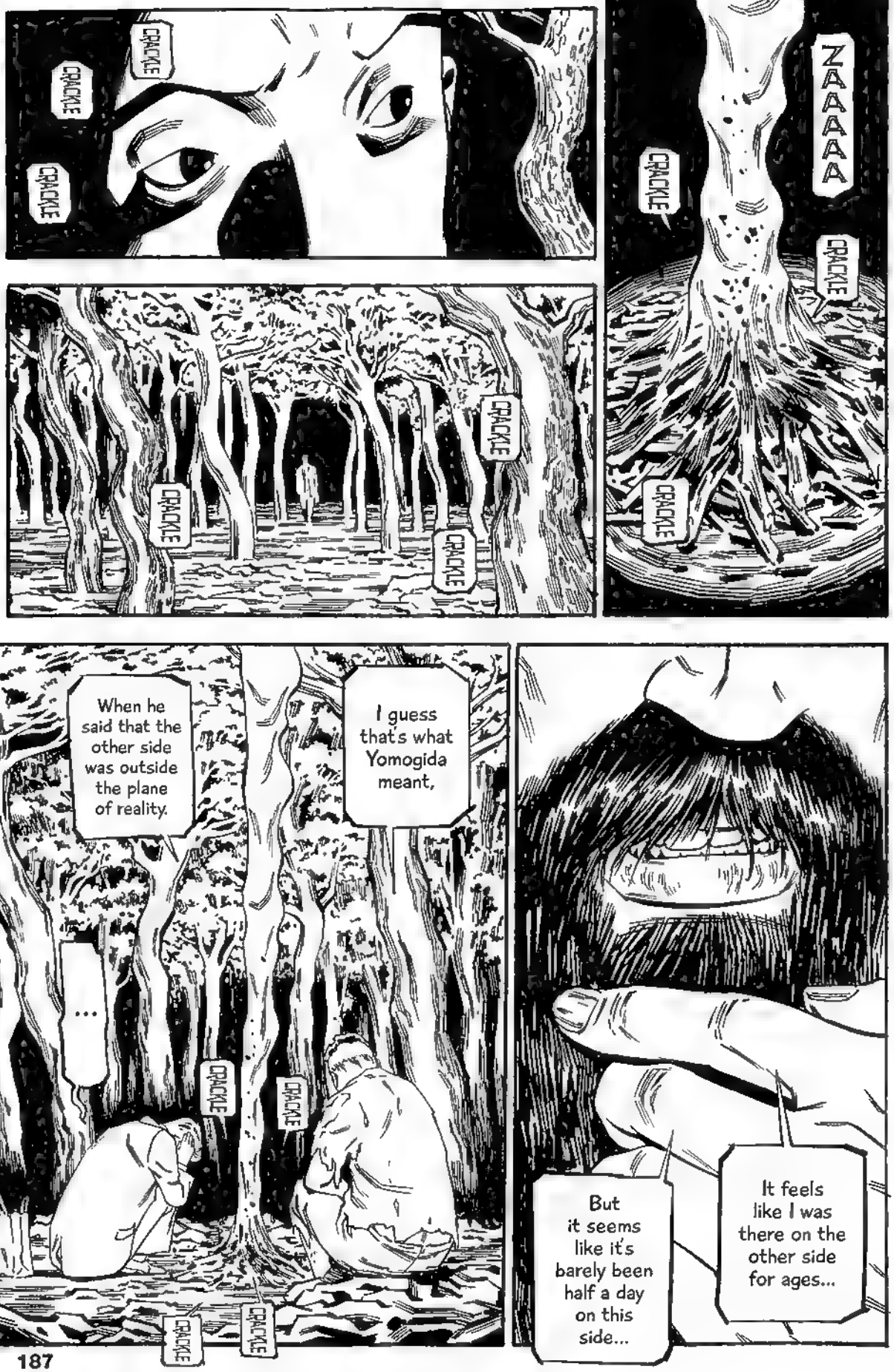
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ZAAAAA
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When he said that the other side was outside the plane of reality.
I guess that's what Yomogida meant,
...
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
But it seems like it's barely been half a day on this side...
It feels like I was there on the other side for ages...

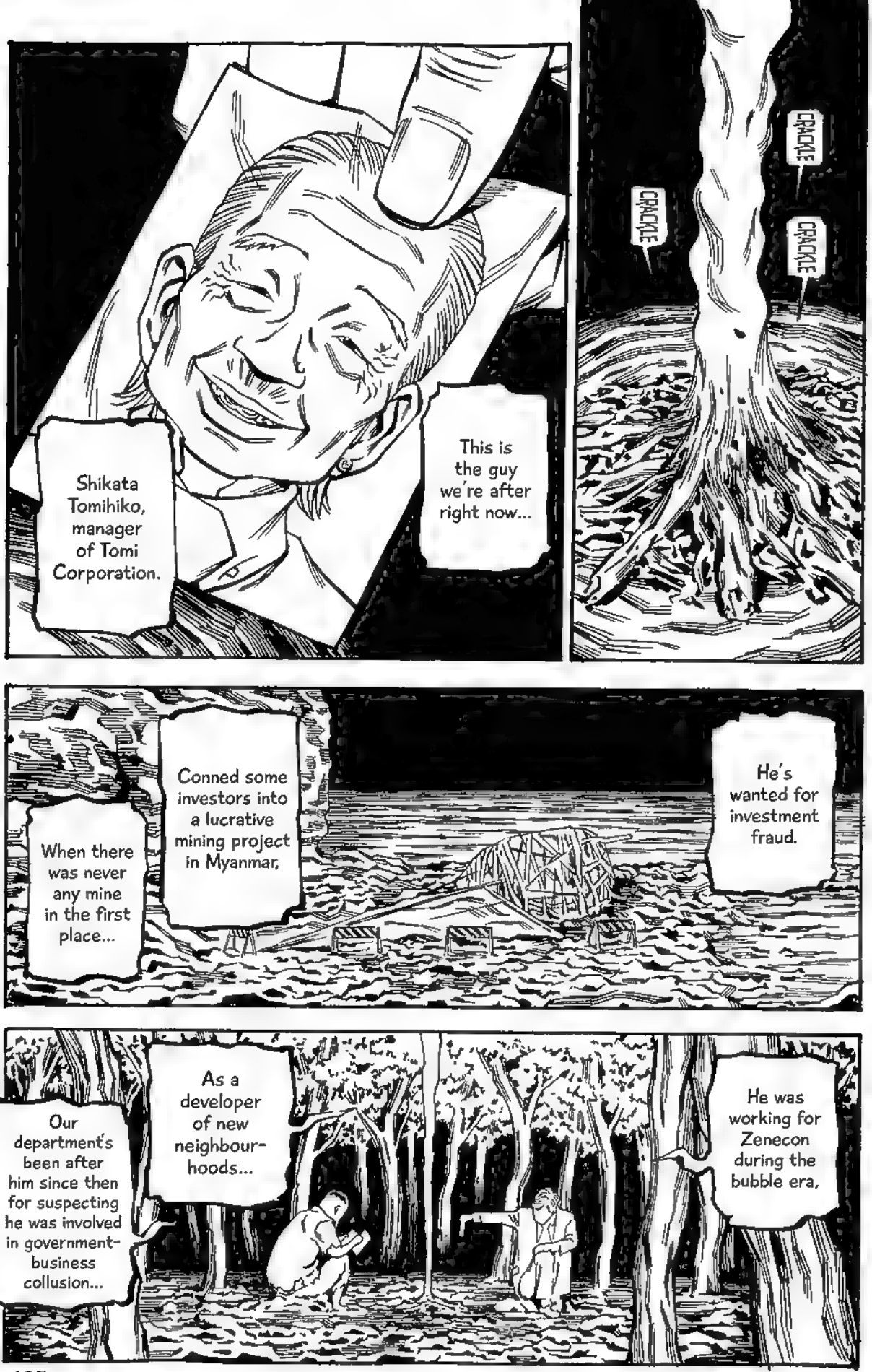
This is why I needed to see you!
HAND
Then here!
Are you done with your incoherent story yet!?
Are you finished!?
...
Just take this and get away from me already!
Soil New Town
Development Plan Draft
A proposal to build the town of Soil... 20 years ago!
It's a proposal by Zenecon.
Soil New Town
Development Plan Draft
What's this?
"Soil New Town Development Plan Draft...?"

FLAP
What's so special about this?
...Seems like a pretty mundane file. Just your standard budget estimates and construction plans.
Why did I have to be the one to find that!?
Aghhh, why meee?
...
The perp on the case I'm assigned to right now had...
FLAP
ACK!
GAHHHH!
AAHHHH!
AGHHHH!

AAAH HHHH!
Document 15/Image
A town of smiles and flowers
Life in Soil New Town
AAAAH HHHH!
AAAAH HHHH!
AAAAH HHHH!

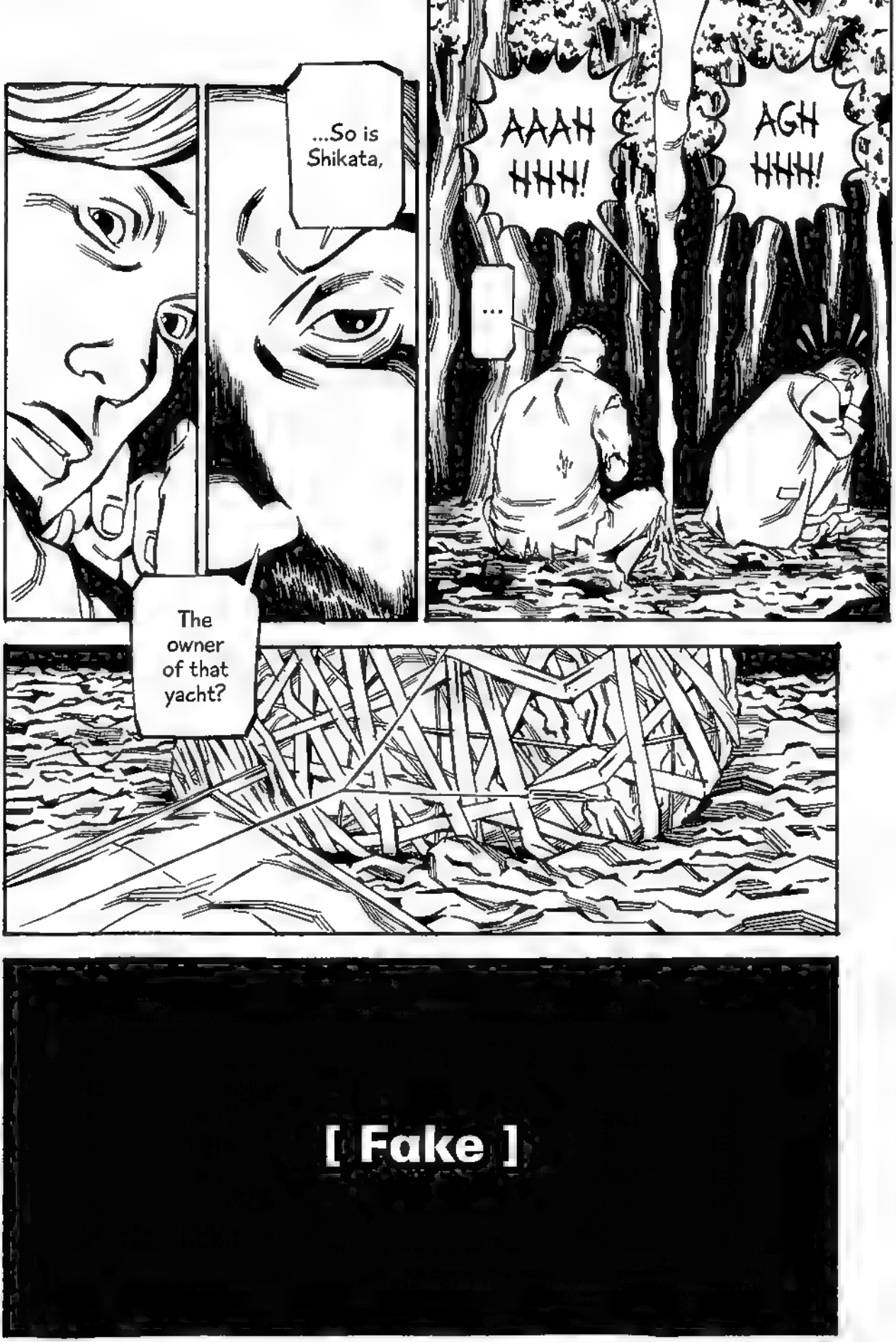
ZAAAAAA
ZAAAAAA

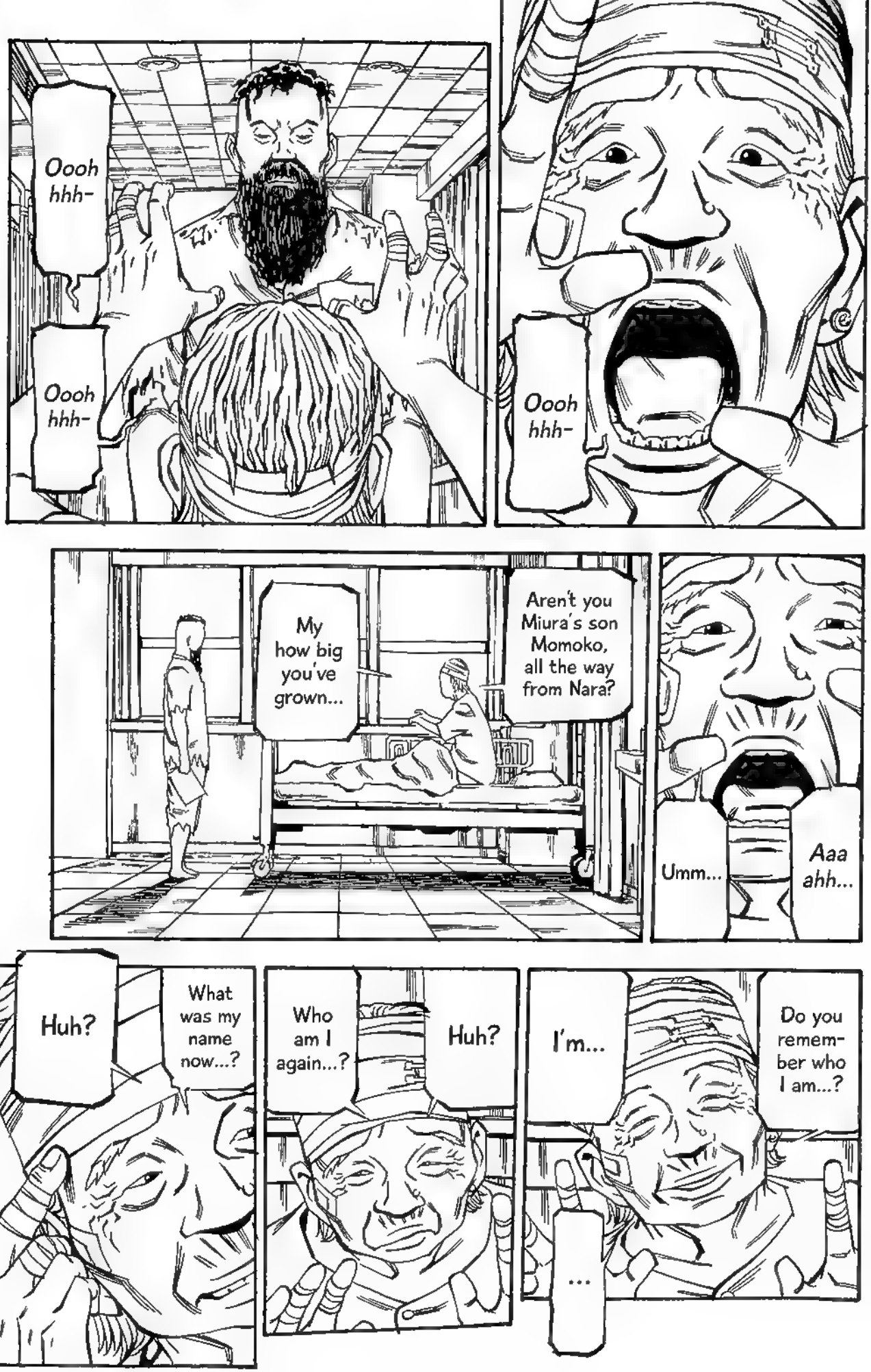
Ooo ohhh-
Oohh hhh...
Ooo ohhh-
BLOCK 3-21

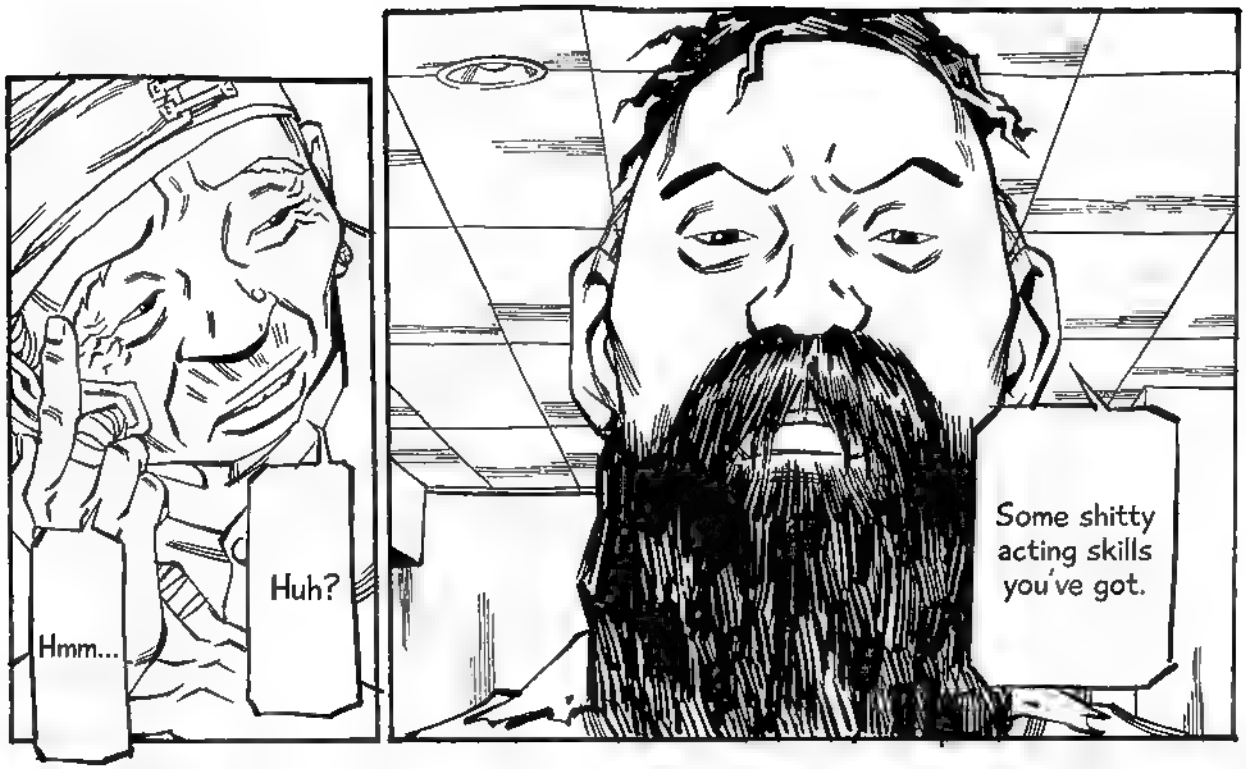

Shikata Tomihiko, manager of Tomi Corporation.
This is the guy we're after right now...
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
When there was never any mine in the first place...
Conned some investors into a lucrative mining project in Myanmar,
He's wanted for investment fraud.
Our department's been after him since then for suspecting he was involved in government-business collusion...
As a developer of new neighbourhoods...
He was working for Zenecon during the bubble era,

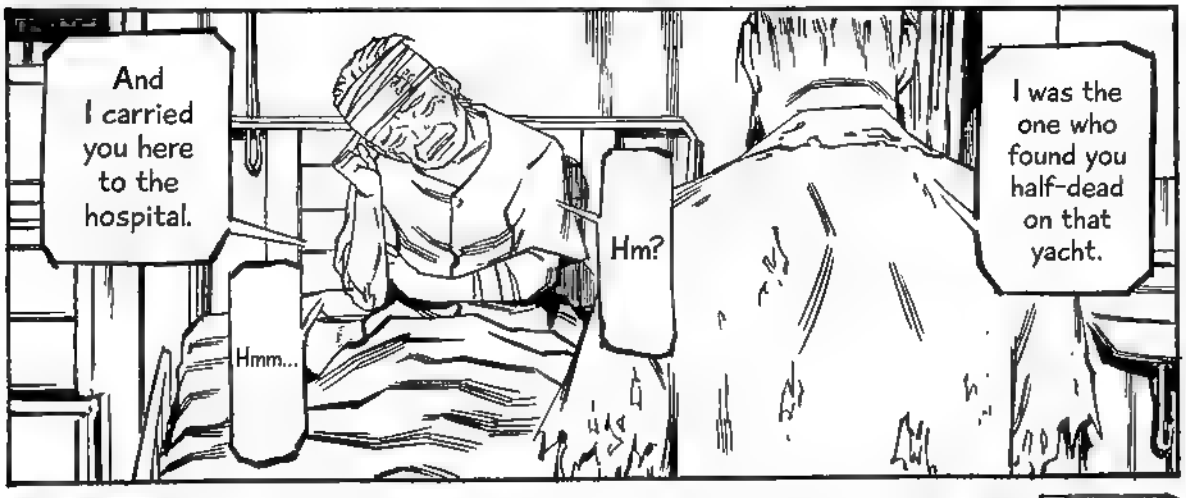
Soil New Town
Development Plan Draft
This book...
But then the bubble burst and the company went bankrupt...
Was one of their many development plan projects,
Document 15/Image
A town of smiles and flowers
Life in Soil New Town
Drafted long before Soil New Town was built...
In fact...
I-i-it was...

Coming back from the shopping district by foot
The Suzushiros on their weekend
T-t-the Suzushiro family...
Made over 20 years ago but...
Is pictured right there...
...
The Suzushiros lounging in their living room
Suzushiro


...So is Shikata,
AAAH HHH!
AGH HHH!
...
The owner of that yacht?
[Fake]


Oooh hhh-
Oooh hhh-
Oooh hhh-
My how big you've grown...
Aren't you Miura's son Momoko, all the way from Nara?
Umm...
Aaa ahh...
Huh?
What was my name now...?
Who am I again...?
Huh?
I'm...
...
Do you remember who I am...?


Hmm...
Huh?
Some shitty acting skills you've got.


And I carried you here to the hospital.
Hmm...
Hm?
I was the one who found you half-dead on that yacht.

FLAP!
Or at least, not anymore.
Relax, I ain't a cop.
I've got neither the right nor interest in busting your ass.

There won't be anyone else who knows where Shikata Tomihiko is once I'm gone.
Just answer my questions and I'll leave without saying anything to anyone.
You brought me here to the hospital by chance, did ya now...?
So then...

Well?
So then, whaddya want with this fossil dredged up from the past?
The whole boat did capsize, after all...
That figures...
I want to know about the family in the pictures.
Pfft!
Family...?

笑顔
ホームレス
This ain't no family.
They're a fake.

A fake...?

You know how it is.
Just a little somethin' extra to show to investors to get them to empty their pockets.
All part of presen-tation, you see.
This... umm, Soil New Town, was it now?
Well, they're just meant to be an idealized image of a family living there.
It's not actually real.
Pretty common marketing gimmick.
FLAP
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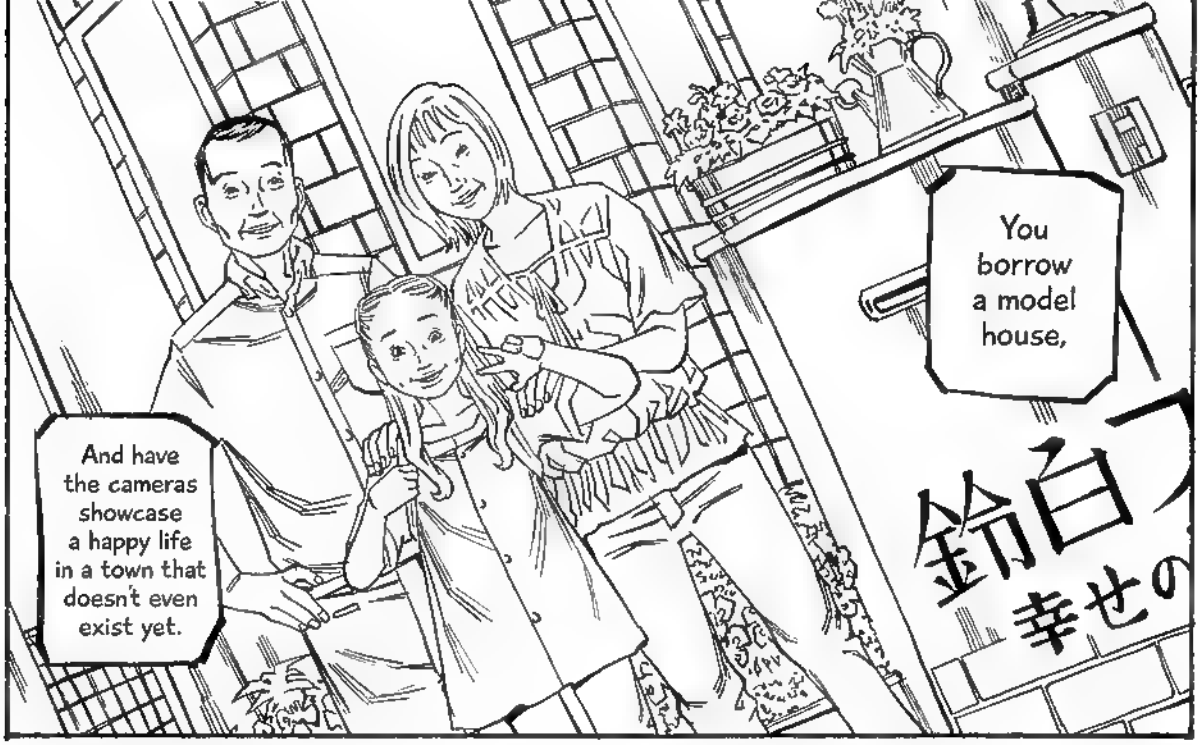
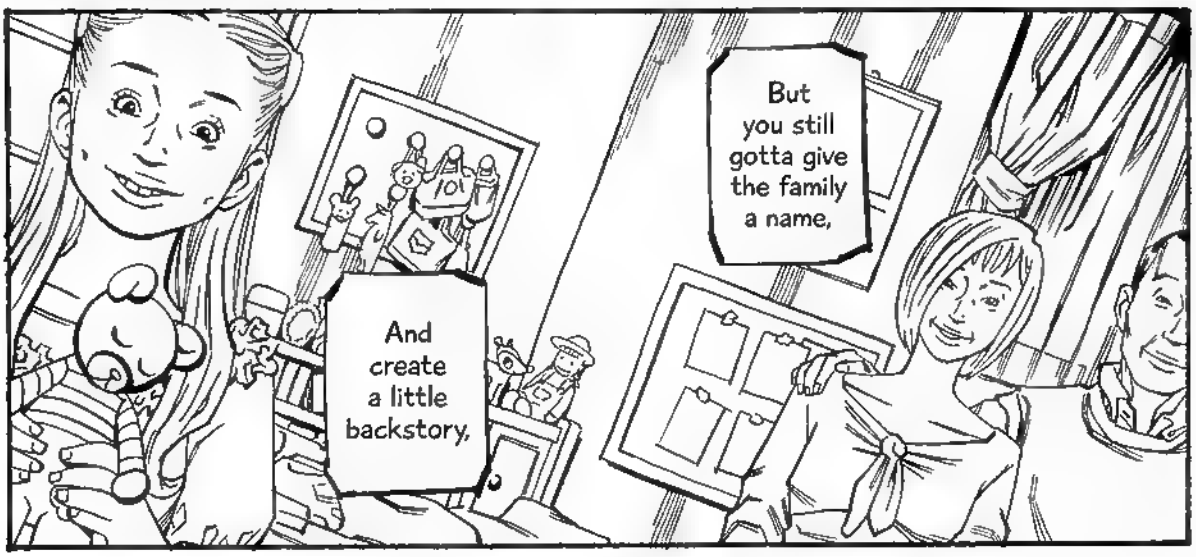
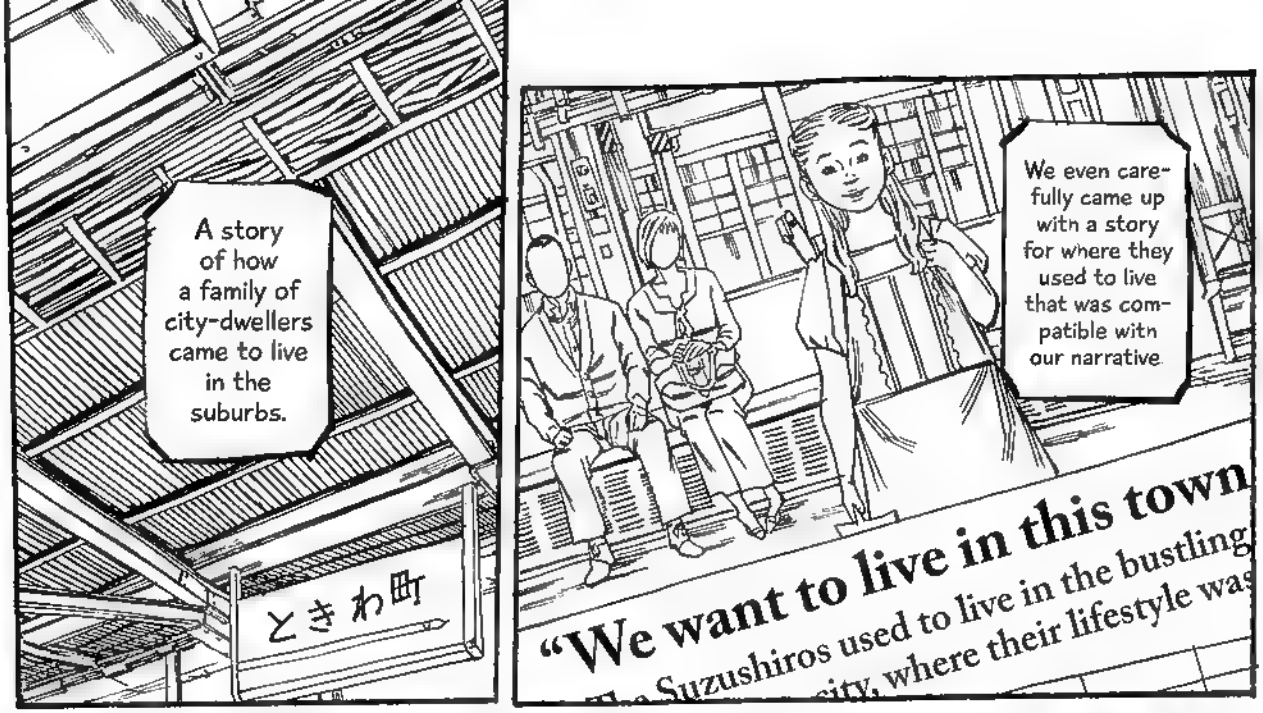

You borrow a model house,
And have the cameras showcase a happy life in a town that doesn't even exist yet.

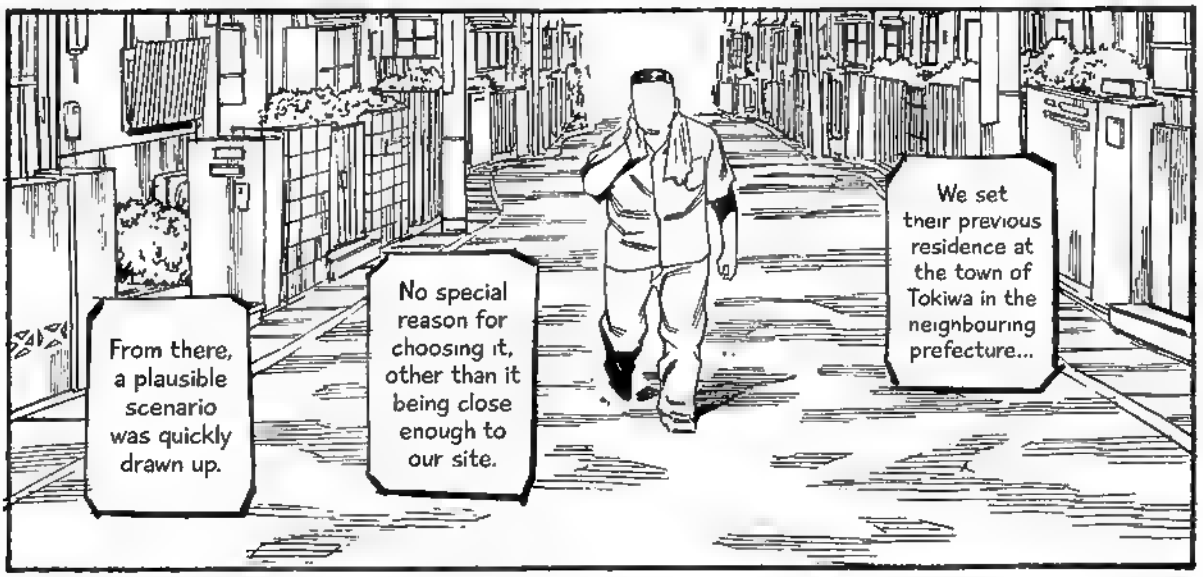

But you still gotta give the family a name,
And create a little backstory,

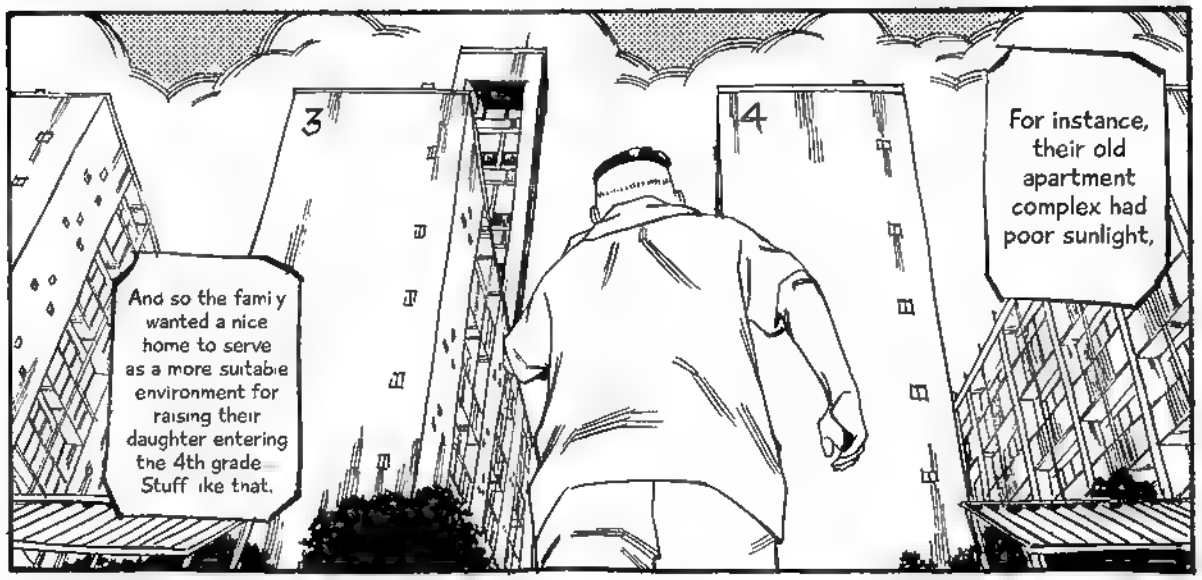
To make it seem like they really do live in that town...

To add some realism...

The name "Suzushiro" was decided on during a meeting...
FLICK
I remember being against it.
I thought it was a lil' too much, know what I mean?
Suzushiro Masaki. Father of the family and a piano teacher.
Fond of his mother's homemade omelettes...
Suzushiro Noriko. Mother of the family and a flower arrangement instructor since she was single...
Ha.
Just reading their profiles is like a spoonful of sunshines, ain't it?
But it's best to do it this way, even if it's so obviously dressed up.


A story of how a family of city-dwellers came to live in the suburbs.
ときわ町
We even carefully came up with a story for where they used to live that was compatible with our narrative.
"We want to live in this town
Suzushiros used to live in the bustling
city, where their lifestyle was


From there, a plausible scenario was quickly drawn up.
No special reason for choosing it, other than it being close enough to our site.
We set their previous residence at the town of Tokiwa in the neighbouring prefecture...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And so the family wanted a nice home to serve as a more suitable environment for raising their daughter entering the 4th grade— Stuff like that.
For instance, their old apartment complex had poor sunlight,

RUMBLE
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RUMBLE
VROOM
VROOM
VROOM
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
HONK
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WOOSH
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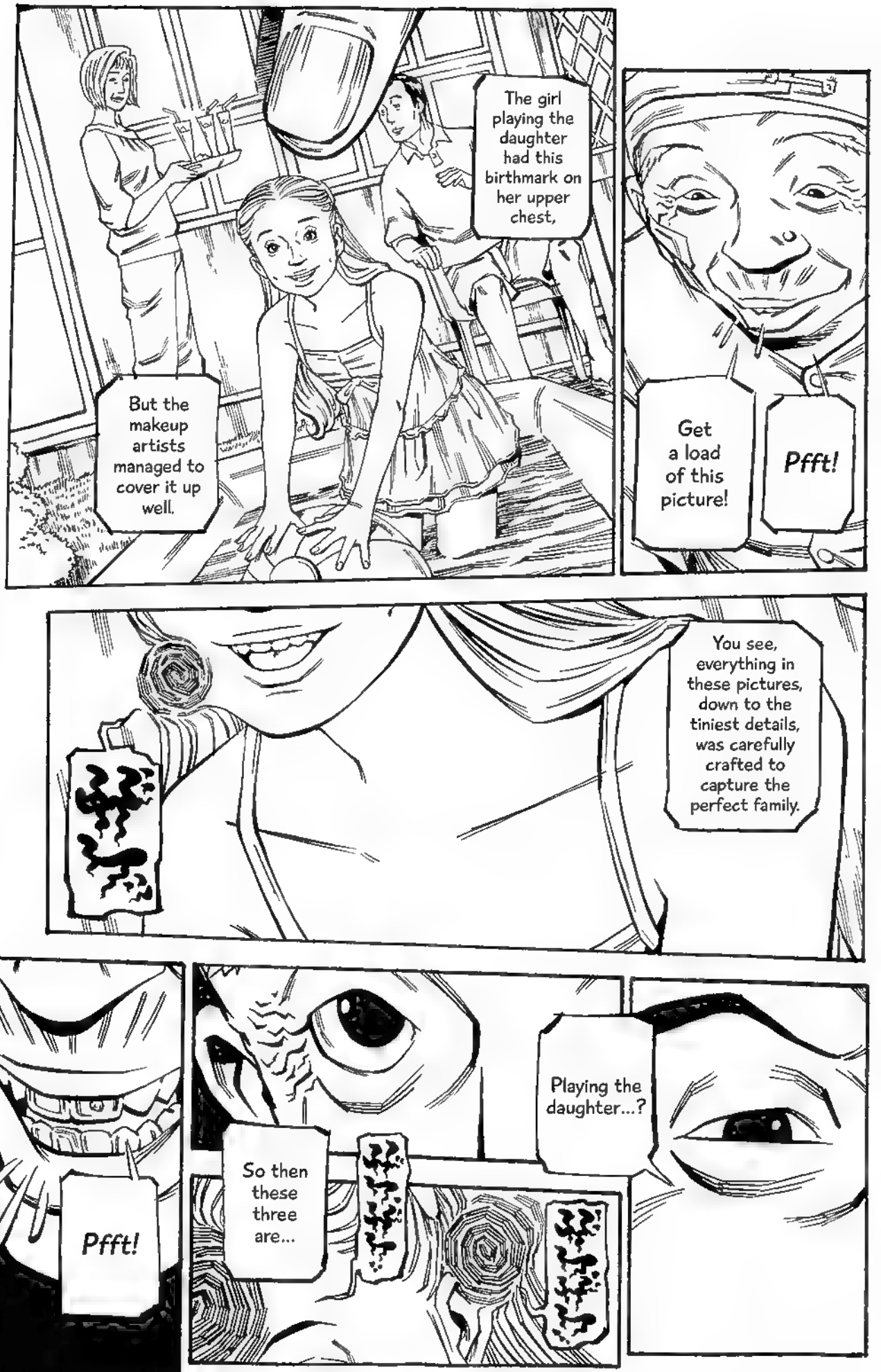
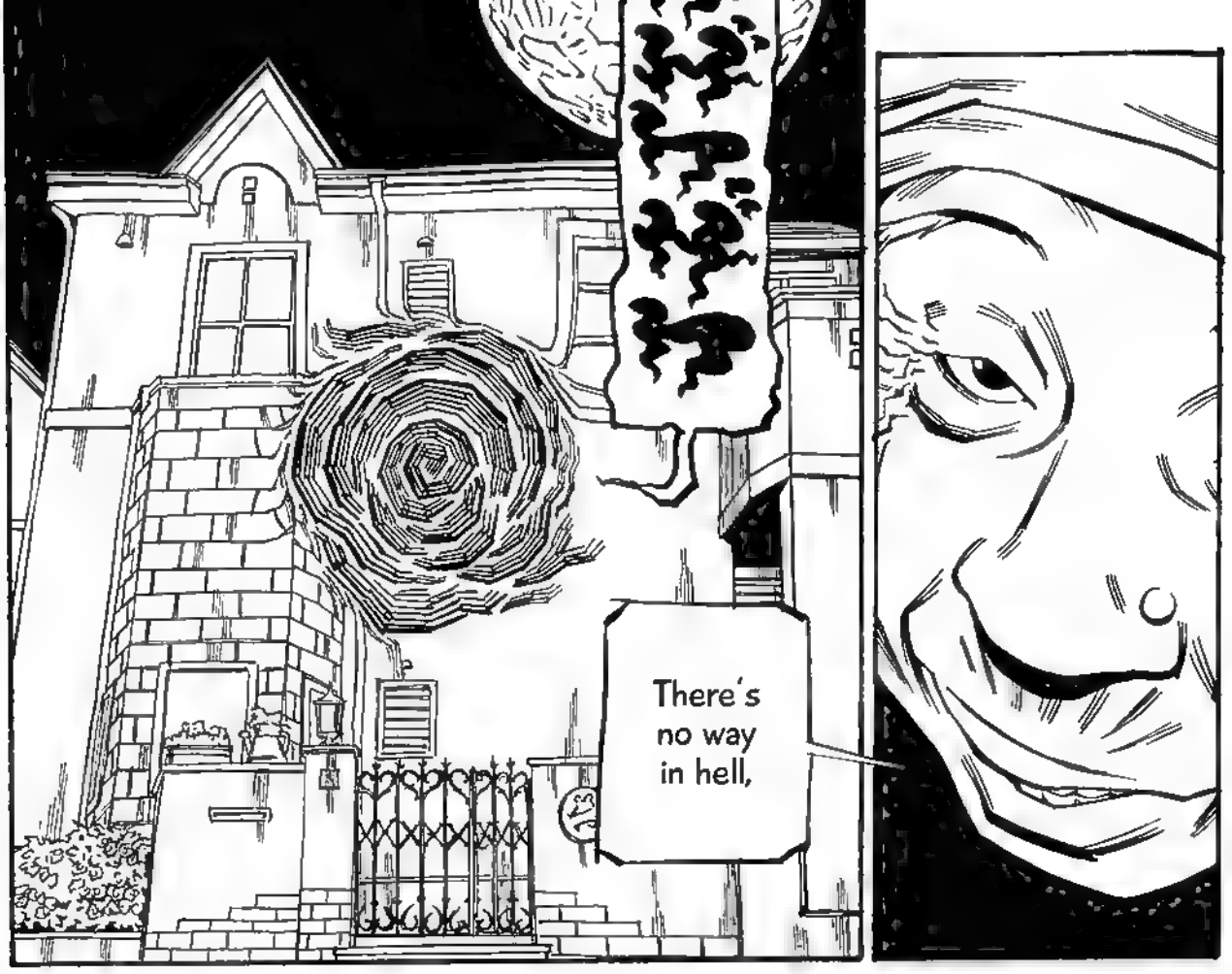
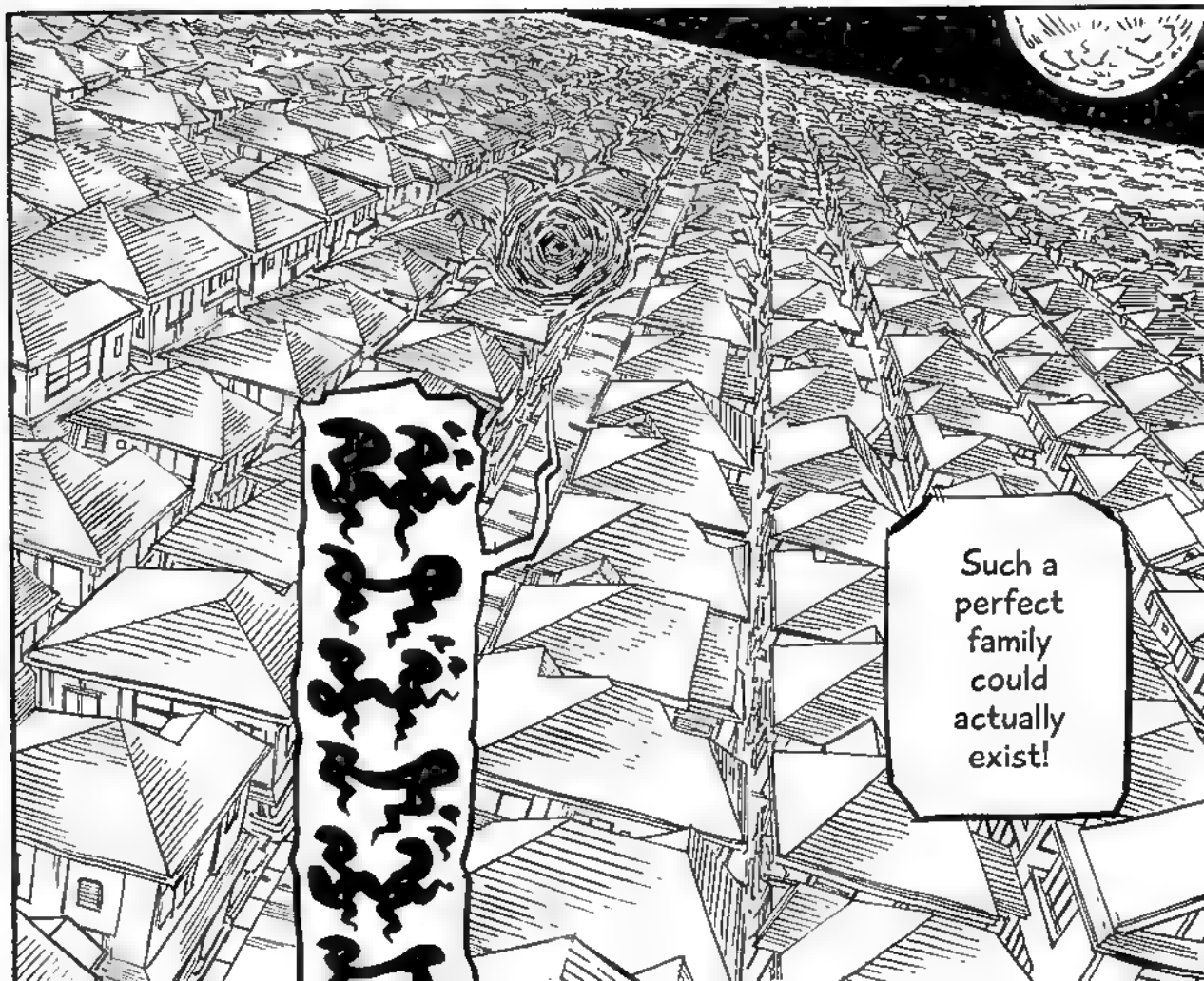

The girl playing the daughter had this birthmark on her upper chest,
But the makeup artists managed to cover it up well.
Get a load of this picture!
Pfft!
You see, everything in these pictures, down to the tiniest details, was carefully crafted to capture the perfect family.
Playing the daughter...?
So then these three are...
Pfft!

Ain't it obvious?

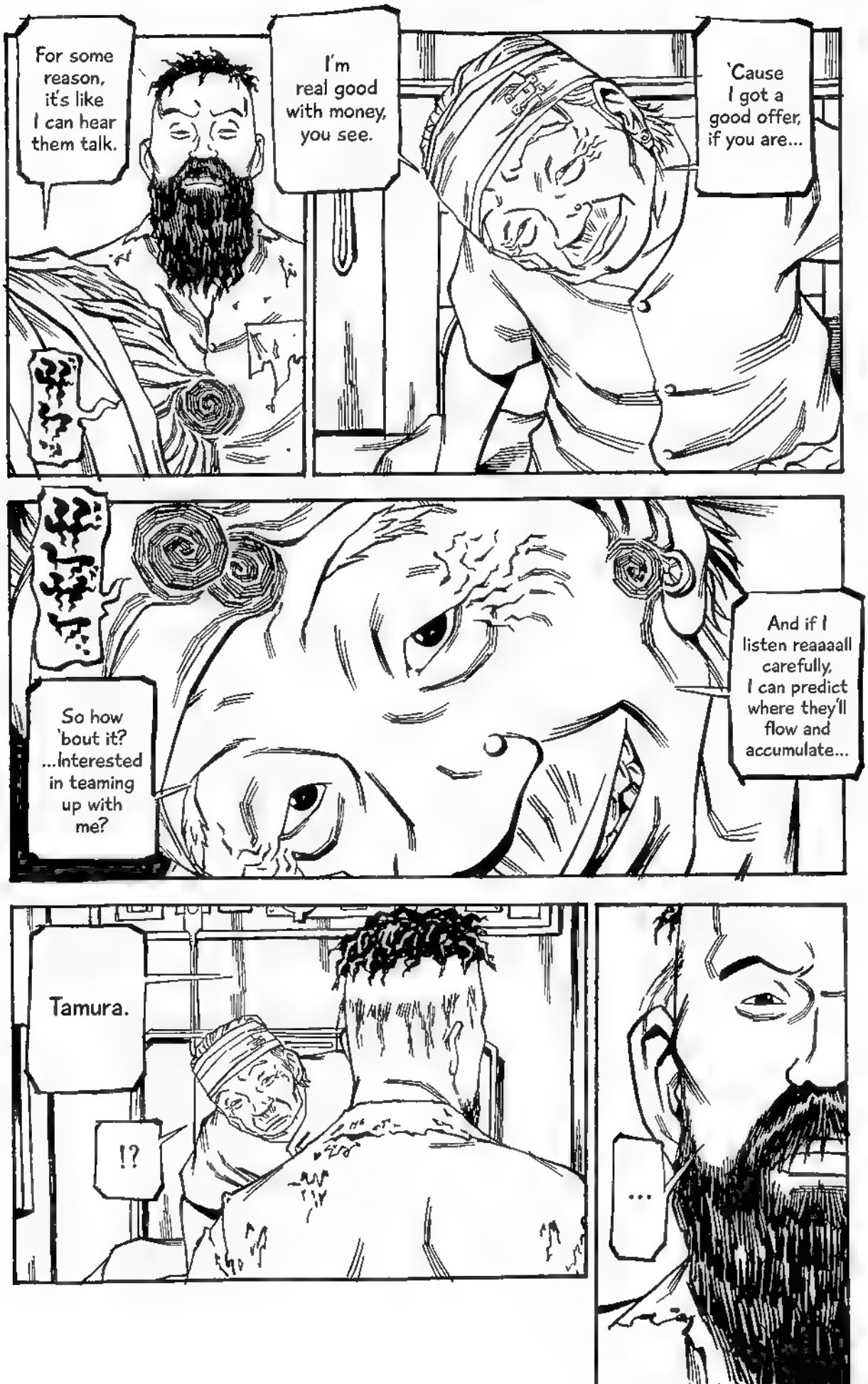
They're complete strangers!

Just some people hired by an acting agency to play the role of a family.


There's no way in hell,

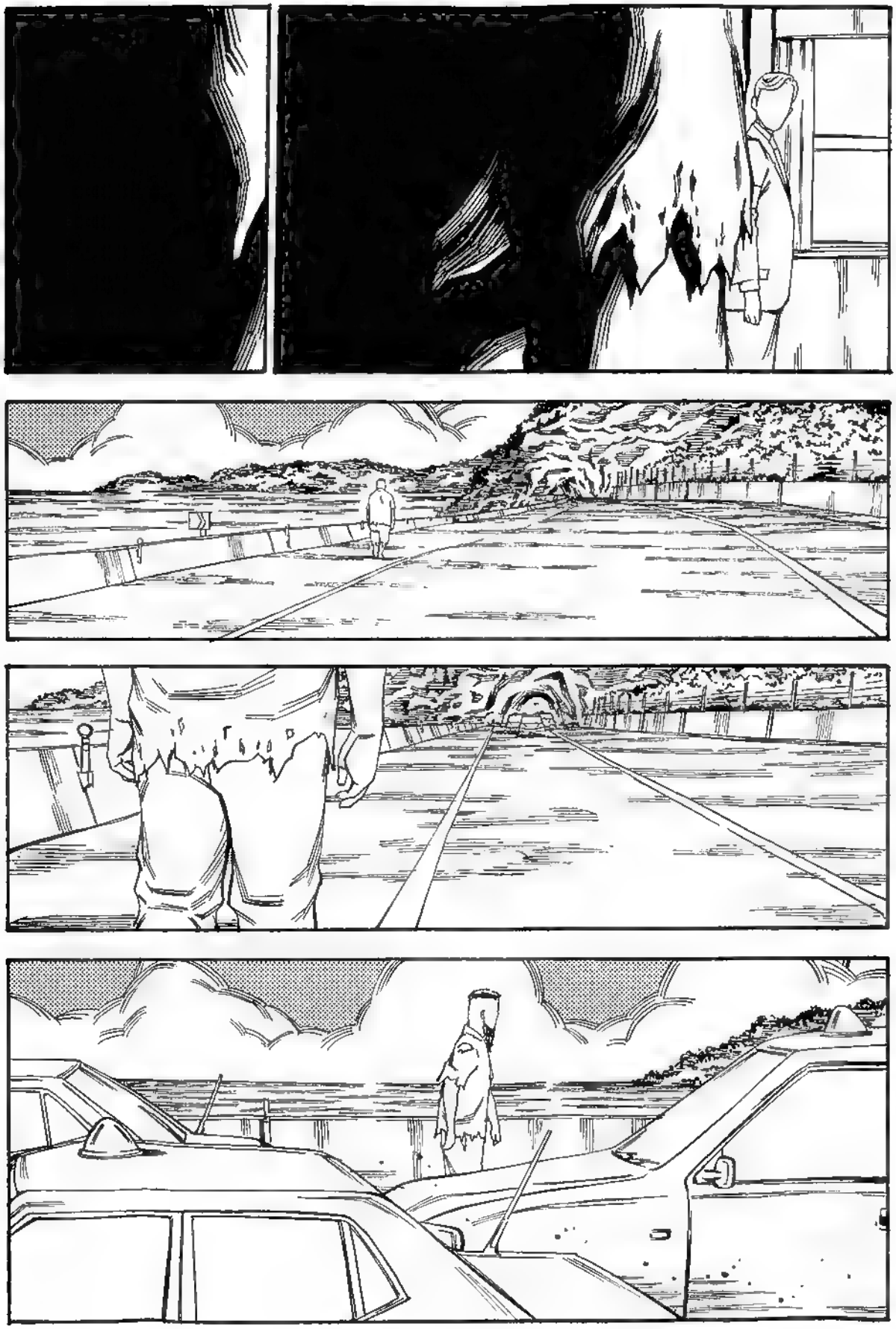

Such a perfect family could actually exist!

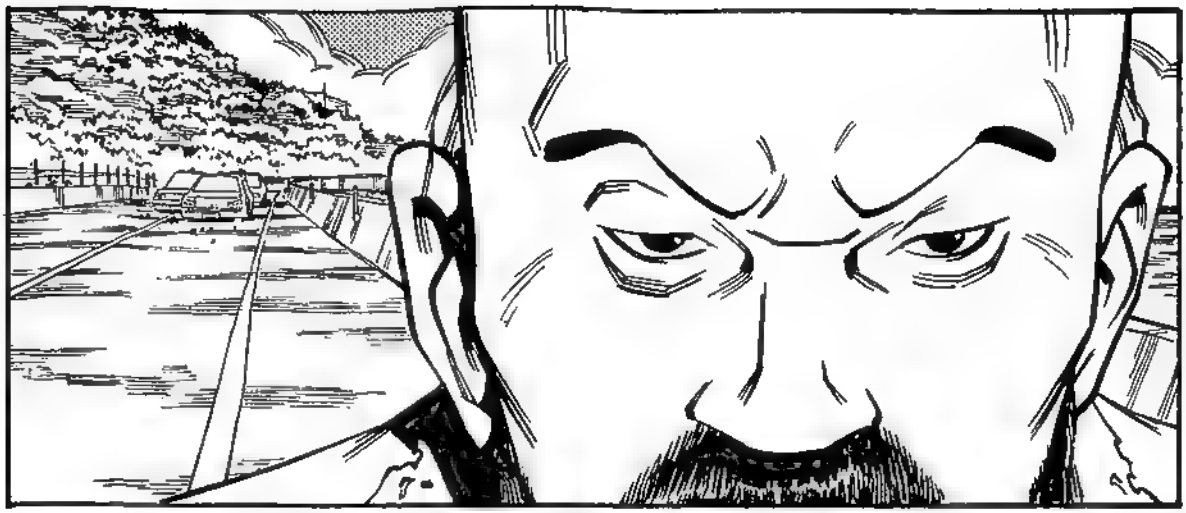
So then where are those 3 actors now...?
Hell if I know.
It was over 20 years ago.
...
You interested in making some cash?
More impor-tantly,
Toss

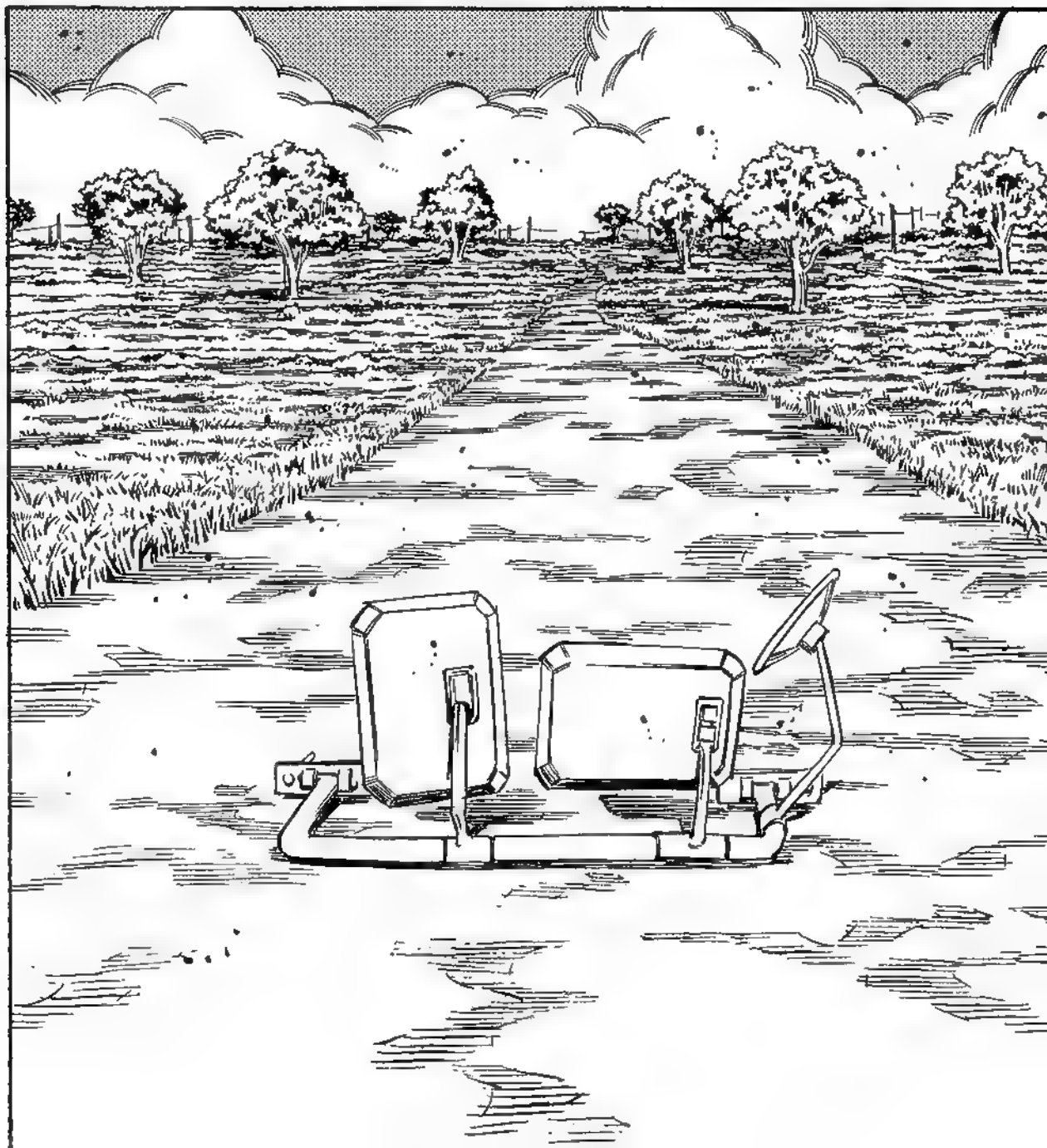

For some reason, it's like I can hear them talk.
I'm real good with money, you see.
'Cause I got a good offer, if you are...
And if I listen reaaaall carefully, I can predict where they'll flow and accumulate...
So how 'bout it? ...Interested in teaming up with me?
Tamura.
!?
...

...
二課
I've confirmed he's Shikata.
捜査
Why the hell should I help you?
You...
Tricked me...!?
Bitch!
You son of a...

You realize the case has already been officially closed on Soil, don't you?
Are you still gonna continue the case?
Yokoi...
Well... I guess it's not quite over yet...
Not as long as you and Onoda,
Come back to this side.
I'm doing this so the case won't be closed just yet.







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